

## Hanson Hills to host winter festival

Hanson Hills Recreation Area will host its annual Winter Fun Days festival – an event that will include free lift tickets and trail passes, a big air competition, a chili cook-off, a swimsuit slalom, and more – during the first weekend of February.

Winter Fun Days will begin on Friday, Feb. 3, with its traditional "Dollar Night," a promotion that features a bonfire, a live DJ, and \$1 lift tickets. Friday's events will run from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Page 5**

## SPORTS

### Varsity girls win league game 47-43 vs. Boyne City



Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad won its first league game on Friday, defeating the visiting Boyne City Ramblers 47-43 in a contest that featured several lead changes.

"It was a very close game the entire way. We were down seven with three minutes to go in the third quarter when we went on a run. With our press, it takes time for the other team to wear down. Our girls worked very hard, and because of that we were able to wear down Boyne City," Coach Joe Powers said. **Page 13**

### Wrestling team wins one, loses one at St. Francis



The Grayling High School wrestling team posted a split in a double-duty meet at Traverse City on Thursday night. The Vikings defeated the Kalkaska Blazers by a large margin but they lost to the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis.

"St. Francis is tough," Coach Andy Moore said. "Hopefully it will be a little closer when it's in the conference championship (tournament)." **Page 15**

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## Stacking the Deck

Youth learned how to build a house of cards at a program called "Stack the Deck" at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library earlier this month. Above, Gavin Dannenberg caps off his house of cards with a peak.

## Former prosecutor, county in dispute over payments

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

At a time when most governmental agencies are pinching pennies to maintain staff and operations, the former Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney has filed a lawsuit against the county for money he believes he is owed.

Attorney John Huss, who served as the Crawford County Prosecutor for over 30 years, filed a two-count small claims lawsuit in Crawford County District Court against Crawford County. The smallest legal venue in which a party may file a civil case, small claims court only allows a plaintiff to seek up to \$3,000.

Huss is seeking to be paid \$1,201.44 from Crawford County.

The first count of Huss' small claims lawsuit involves work he completed as a special prosecutor in Clare County.

In early 2009, Crawford County Prosecutor Everett Ayers was appointed by the Michigan Attorney General's Office to prosecute criminal matters in Clare County as a special assistant attorney general. The appointment was made due to a conflict created when Clare County Prosecutor Michelle Ambrozaitis was elected to office. Ambrozaitis had represented some of the defendants as a defense attorney that she would have been charged to prosecute.

In mid-2009, Huss was appointed as a  
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## Grayling musician serves as voice for animated rock n' roll singer

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Grayling musician, who honed her skills singing to hospital patients and nursing home residents, will make her debut on the silver screen this year in the form of an animated rocker.

Keyna Darling, a 1974 Grayling High School graduate, wrote songs and stars as "Sophia," the lead singer of a rock band in the movie "Dwegons."

Darling landed the opportunity to write songs and serve as the leader of the band called the Caveflyers, through her 2005 debut album called "Zero to Ten." A copy of the CD was given to Dwegons writer and producer Tom Walsh. He fell in love with a ballad on the CD called "Edge of Lonely."

Darling was presented the Country Breakthrough Artist of the Year Award at the 2005 New

Music Awards Ceremony hosted in Hollywood by New Music Weekly Magazine, a trade publication for radio and music executives. A song on the album called "It's In the Little Things," was being played on about 32 stations in the United States, as well as radio stations in Japan, Spain and the Netherlands. At the time, Darling was on the charts for the most popular song ahead of such now well known acts as Taylor Swift and Tim McGraw.

Also in 2005, Darling sang at a political rally in Grand Rapids, which was attended by President George W. Bush just prior to his reelection. Darling performed her song, "Stand Up America," which she wrote to honor the military troops and her daughter, who was serving in the U.S. Air Force when the 9/11 terrorist attacks occurred.

"There's a whole lot of great things that happened just off this

album," Darling said.

Darling started working on Dwegons in 2008. She co-wrote four songs for the movie's soundtrack and wrote the remaining songs for the CD, which includes 11 songs.

Darling said it takes three to four years to record an animated film since the characters have to be matched up with the voices, actresses and actors.

"Every move takes animation to make it happen," Darling said.

Dwegons tells the story of a family who inherits an old house filled with colorful creatures that bring the family closer together. The Dwegons have lived for years under the home, and help save the home after it is converted into a bed and breakfast and country inn.

"It's going to be really fun," Darling said. "It's really colorful and Tom Walsh, who wrote it, is  
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Keyna Darling, a 1974 Grayling High School graduate, wrote songs and stars as "Sophia," the lead singer of a rock band in the movie "Dwegons." Above, Sophia is the character in the bottom right corner of the poster for the animated movie.



## LOCAL SKI RACE SERIES CONTINUES TO GROW

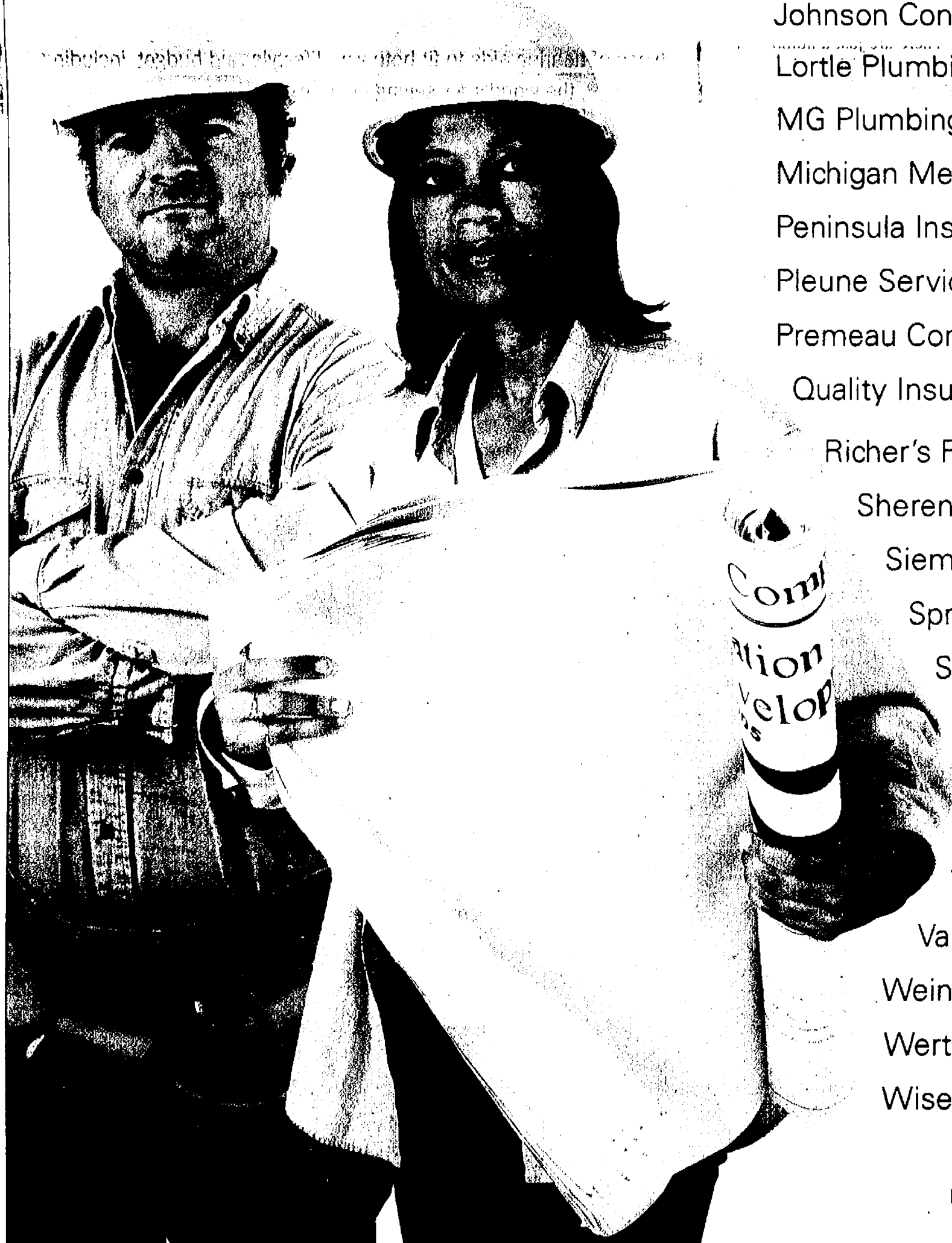
More than 170 cross country skiers – a new record for the event – competed in Grayling Recreation Authority's Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet race series on Saturday at Hanson Hills. Above, racers from the 30K Michigan Cup Men's Division leave the starting line on Saturday morning. For more on the Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet, including a list of results, see Page 12.

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# White out called for Hanson Hills on Sunday

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Women are calling for a winter white out at Hanson Hills this weekend.

A winter white out will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Hanson Hills on Sunday, Jan. 29, when a group of women dubbed "Girlz in White Dresses" will come together for some downhill snow tubing.

The group is based on a coffee-table book, which contains photos and writing by Jess Watnemo Storey, who lives in Grayling, and Staci Matthews from Minneapolis.

Initially, Matthews, who is a co-host of a radio show, wanted to take glamour photos in her wedding dress five years after she had tied the knot.

The idea spawned into the 140-page book, which shows women in their wedding dresses in scenes doing everything from holding an M-16 on a military base to a mechanic working under a car. The main theme for the books was: "why not wear our dresses whenever we want, doing whatever we want," Storey said.

White outs are held with a group of gals who get together in their wedding dresses for some fun. Events have been held by the group involving shopping, ice skating and going out for ice

cream.

Last August, a dozen women went on a trip on the Manistee River in their wedding dresses.

Storey said one of the participants leaped from her tube into the river to delay the finale of the excursion.

"They weren't ready to be done yet, because it was just so much fun," Storey said.

On Sunday, Hanson Hills has offered a discounted rate of \$6 to tube for anyone wearing a wedding dress. Any and all women who miss wearing their wedding dresses or who have found a great one to wear from a thrift store are encouraged to participate.

Friends, sisters, aunts and moms are encouraged to get together for an afternoon of laughter and fresh air.

"If we have a bunch of women, hopefully we'll be able to stay longer, so the more women the merrier," Storey said. "It's meant to be able to kick back, and laugh and have some fun."

Storey moved to the community from Minnesota on Memorial Day weekend 2001 with her husband Jerry. He is a hydro technician with the United States Geological Service Office (USGS) based in Grayling.

Since moving to Grayling, Storey has been involved with the AuSable Artisan Village and has



Last August, a dozen women went on a trip on the Manistee River in their wedding dresses. Above, the women and girls are pictured after taking their trip at the Shel-Haven Canoe Livery.

nature and wildlife photos on display at its gallery in downtown Grayling.

At the end of February, duty calls, and the Storeys will be moving back to Minnesota, where Jerry will assume another position with the USGS.

The white out this weekend is planned as one last hurrah before Storey departs.

"I'm just trying to light the fire and encourage the women to proceed on with it," she said.

Storey and Anita Merchant, the branch manager for Chemical Bank in Grayling, have discussed turning the Girlz In White Dresses gatherings, into a fund-raiser for community charities.

"I just hope it grows from here," Storey said. "Using it as a fund-raiser would be

awesome."

Reservations are encouraged to ensure that the Hanson Hills staff are prepared for the event.

To learn more about Girlz In White Dresses, go to [www.girlzinwhitedresses.com](http://www.girlzinwhitedresses.com) or find them on Facebook. To contact Storey, call (612) 581-3868 or e-mail her at [jwatnemo@aol.com](mailto:jwatnemo@aol.com).

## Airfield tree harvest begins

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Harvesting trees to address safety and security at the Grayling Army Airfield and Crawford County Air Terminal began last week.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that airport personnel receive training in implementing a Wildlife Management Program.

Airports that receive FAA funds are mandated to reach agreements and follow guidelines to mitigate potential hazards.

Cutting trees at the Grayling Army Airfield will assist in the wildlife abatement program. A plethora of deer, coyotes, seagulls, geese and turkeys have been spotted at the airfield, along with sporadic sightings of porcupines, said Sgt. 1st

Class Chris Cook, the Grayling Army Airfield manager.

Cutting the trees will also provide a better access road to patrol the security fence at the airfield. Airfield staff will be able to identify holes cut in the fence much quicker. Hunters, thieves and vandals cut these holes.

Tree growth at the airfield has also caused obstructions on the airfield itself as well as approaches to the runways. This will always be a problem as long as the trees continue to grow but will disappear once they are removed, Cook said.

Eliminating all but 60 meters of trees around the perimeter will reduce the habitat that the wildlife can live in at the airfield, making aviation much safer at the Grayling Army Airfield, especially for fixed wing

traffic, while providing for noise abatement.

"We are just removing some obstructions from the airspace itself," Cook said. "There are just a number of reasons for taking the trees down."

Northern Timberlands, a Vanderbilt-based company, was the contractor hired to manage the tree harvesting, while Woodlands, Inc. from Alpena is cutting the trees and hauling the timber.

Cook said Camp Grayling officials wanted to inform the public that the Wildlife Management Program is moving forward. Tree cutting will be completed by the end of the March.

"This is specifically at the airfield, not anywhere else on camp," Cook said.

## Snowmobiler killed in crash

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A 45-year-old Plymouth man was killed Sunday when he crashed into a pick-up truck on a snowmobile.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies were dispatched to an accident where a snowmobile struck a pick-up at 11:55 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22. The accident occurred

on a logging road located west of Military Road in Beaver Creek Township.

Upon arrival, Mobile Medical Response (MMR) personnel and deputies found Gregory Ronald Nagy to be deceased. Nagy was traveling in a westerly direction at a high rate of speed when he rounded a corner and collided with an oncoming pick-up.

The driver of the pick-up

truck was not injured. Excessive speed is believed to be the major factor in the crash. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor. The accident remains under investigation.

MMR personnel, the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department and Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officers assisted deputies at the scene.

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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Gas, auto title tax increases could come soon

MY CREDENTIALS as a concerned Michigan citizen may be under suspicion this year, but for the first time in a long time I will have to admit I did not watch the annual State of the State address by Michigan's governor.

There was no special reason for my visual dereliction. I was watching *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy* with my wife that evening before I realized the address was being delivered, but I decided I would just read the newspapers the next day to catch up on what Gov. Rick Snyder had on his mind.

For some reason, I didn't get too much out of that exercise either. I found it tough to focus on what the newspapers said he said.

Most State of the State messages, by the way, usually are some combination of *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy* anyway – what are the right answers to the state's problems, and where's the money coming

from.

GOV. SNYDER tends to favor the informal in most things, and seemed to talk from notes rather than a detailed prepared script, according to reports.

He did wear a necktie, however, in his appearance before a joint legislative session in prime television time.

Having helped prepare State of the State messages a couple of times many years ago, I know it can be an onerous task for a governor and his/her staff.

It also can be a launching pad for new programs and fresh ideas along with a certain amount of chest-pounding about recent gubernatorial achievements.

Gov. Snyder and his crew obviously took an easier way out, but that's all right.

AS FAR AS I can tell from reading the newspapers, Michiganians can look forward in the coming months to working on many

of the Snyder agenda items put into motion during his first year in office, as well as several issues set aside during the tax changes and spending rebuilding which occupied much of 2011.

Gov. Snyder indicates no more cuts are in store for local schools, which is good news that could be even better if state support is increased.

Highways will be in for a lot of attention, and it's about time for that push. The governor says he wants to see Michigan invest a couple of billion or so in fixing our highways and bridges, with money likely coming from higher vehicle registration fees and more gas taxes. That's bitter medicine for drivers, who already pay between \$3 and \$4 or even higher per gallon at the pump, so it could be a tough sell for Mr. Snyder.

The governor also insists he will go ahead somehow with a new bridge between Detroit and Canada, despite failing on this program last

year.

More business tax relief also is on Gov. Snyder's mind, this time by modifying or lifting taxes on personal property.

These taxes on the value of machinery and equipment are levied by cities, townships, school districts and other local units of government and often provide the meat and potatoes of paying for local government services. If this money is taken away from local government by new state laws, it should be replaced.

Figuring out how to pull Detroit and other local government units away from dollar destitution also is high on Gov. Snyder's agenda. The emergency manager system, even with all its faults, in some form likely will continue to be key.

He talked of some other initiatives too, so all in all, 2012 appears to be a busy and troublesome year ahead for state government.

QUESTIONABLE – The

pomp and puffery of the usual State of the State message by a governor may well be overplayed, as Gov. Snyder's approach this year may suggest.

The state constitution of 1963 requires an annual message from the governor to the legislature about what's going on.

Article V, Section 17 about the Executive Branch spells out this directive:

"The governor shall communicate by message to the legislature at the beginning of each session and may at other times present to the legislature information as to the affairs of the state and recommend measures he considers necessary or desirable."

Similar language was in the 1908 constitution as well.

Television growth in the last half century or so has helped make the State of the State message a grand affair, but the governor could fulfill her/his constitutional obligation by sending the

annual message in writing or, I presume in these days of galloping electronic communicating, by e-mail to legislators, although texting likely isn't feasible yet.

RETURN OF CAIN? – Newt Gingrich's vote getting power in the South Carolina primary surprised a lot of folks, including me, and causes me to wonder:

Mr. Gingrich, despite his well aired and self admitted personal history of marriages, divorces and adultery, commanded heavy support from South Carolina Republicans including many religious fundamentalists.

So why doesn't Herman Cain get back into the presidential race?

Is there some sort of double standard afoot here?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## Washington Notes

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

### Task for New Year: More jobs, balanced deficit reduction

The past year has been an unusually challenging and stressful one for our nation and for Michigan. As we look forward to 2012, I'd like to share with you my thoughts about a tough year just completed and about the year to come.

Twin challenges in 2011 – the need to grow the economy and to reduce the deficit – dominated 2011 and will demand our attention again this year.

The past year included some heartening signs that steps we took in the aftermath of the financial crisis are bearing fruit. The unemployment rate, both in Michigan and nationally, has fallen in the last year. Michigan and the nation benefitted from some small business job-creation programs that I helped author: the State Small Business Credit Initiative, modeled after a Michigan program that helps small businesses get the capital they need to grow; and the Intermediary Lending Pilot Program, which helps nonprofits boost small businesses in their local communities. These programs will continue to help create Michigan jobs in 2012.

Unfortunately, too often our jobs-related efforts in 2011 were sidetracked by brushes with disaster. For instance, in late July, Congress dawdled and then barely avoided financial catastrophe by raising the federal government's debt limit.

As part of the agreement to avert that disaster, we passed a series of deep spending cuts, and we established a "supercommittee" tasked with finding agreement on at least \$1.2 billion in additional deficit reduction over the next 10 years. When they could not reach an agreement, the law trig-

gered automatic, across-the-board spending cuts that will take effect in 2013.

Those automatic cuts are unacceptable. Avoiding those drastic cuts and making real progress on deficit reduction will be our most important task in 2012.

The only path to true deficit reduction is a balanced path – one that includes both spending cuts and revenue increases, and one that ensures that all Americans, not just middle-class families, share in the sacrifice.

In September, I outlined a seven-point plan to restore revenues along with spending cuts to reduce the deficit. I will continue making the case in the coming year for a balanced approach to deficit reduction because it offers the only real hope for avoiding draconian automatic cuts that would make our nation less safe and our families less secure.

Despite these challenges, I remain optimistic about our future, because we saw lots of encouraging signs in 2011.

First, the U.S. auto industry, and manufacturing more generally, continued a remarkable rebound. Domestic carmakers continued to create jobs. These successes validate the investments taxpayers have made in preserving domestic manufacturing.

We also made progress in protecting consumers during 2011. In April, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, released the results of more than two years of investigation into the causes of the financial crisis. This bipartisan report highlighted the unrestrained greed, heedless risk-taking and conflicts of interest that nearly sank us into a second

Great Depression.

The hearings we held in 2010 as part of our investigation helped set the stage for passage of Wall Street reform legislation, and in 2011, our task was to encourage regulatory agencies to forcefully implement the new law. I'll continue pressing regulators in 2012 to put a cop back on the beat on Wall Street.

I also serve as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and in 2011, we succeeded in guiding a defense authorization act through Congress for the 50th consecutive year. This bill ensures that our troops and their families will have the support they need to keep us safe, and it includes other important policies, including tough new sanctions against Iran that already are having an impact, and can help us prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

But perhaps the most important national security development of 2011 was the end of the war in Iraq and the withdrawal of our troops. Our strategy in Afghanistan – a strategy to prepare Afghan institutions to take responsibility for their own security – is moving forward, and 2012 will be a crucial year in preparing Afghan security forces to assume responsibility for the security of the entire country by the end of 2014.

We are coming through the worst financial crisis in generations, two difficult wars, and we survived a series of often discouraging and polarizing political battles. I look forward to 2012 optimistic about our future and determined to work for solutions that work for Michigan and our nation.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

## Letters to the Editor

### Do the job that needs to be done

To the editor:

This past week there has been an orange cat hanging around Cobble Creek I Apartments. I called the Animal Control Officer and had to leave a message. She called and left me a message saying "I had to call the Animal Shelter to see if they had an opening and if they did, I had to take the animal there or try and find a home." Number 1 - I have no car to drive and I am 72 years old. Number 2 - Living in Cobble Creek Apartments you can't really get a hold of anyone that would want a cat.

I have lived in Grayling for over 40 years and all the Animal Control Officers took care of this stuff, but now they don't. Why?

Don't know how long this cat has had no water or food either. To me this is animal

cruelty. The cat went under a bunch of broken limbs and the snowplow guy pushed a bunch of snow up against it so I have no idea if the cat is safe or did it get crushed to death. I sure hope it is fine.

The Animal Control Officer's boss needs to get things straightened out as this is being just as cruel as the people that don't feed their animals.

I have a dog, so I could not take the cat.

What is the sense of having an Animal Control Officer if she can't do her job, therefore, she shouldn't get paid. Either do the complete task of being an Animal Control Officer or quit. Let someone do the job that needs to be done and done right. Get with it and do it!

Greta Gilbert  
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# Briefs

## COA to hold photographic seminar

The COA, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will hold a short seminar in Photographic Composition on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. Ken Wright will provide suggestions to make photographic images stand out. This is provided free of charge to all seniors by Main Branch Gallery Inc.

## Citizen of the Year to be announced

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Gray Rock Cafe. The 2011 Citizen of the Year will be announced at this event. Entry fee is \$5 for members and \$10 for not-yet-members.

## GVR to sell subs for Super Bowl

Purchase a turkey or ham sub made fresh to order, delivered right to your door by 4 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday. Cost is \$5 each. Orders need to be turned in by Feb. 3. Contact Dianne Tobin or Sandi Enos at the high school to order. All proceeds will benefit the GVR program, which recognizes and rewards students for their achievement, attitude and attendance.

## Church to hold musical program

A musical program will be held at the Community of Christ Church, N. Down River Rd. and I-75, Grayling, on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Featuring Brian Ashton and Friends.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Conservation District to sell trees, plants this spring

Each spring, the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District provides residents the opportunity to purchase tree seedlings, native wildflower bulbs/roots and wildflower seed. This year they have added Michigan native gardens.

Conifers (evergreens) are sold in seedling, transplant and plug sizes.

- A seedling has been in a seedbed for two years.

- A transplant is grown as a seedling, then transplanted to a larger bed for another year or two to develop thicker and stronger root systems.

- A plug is germinated from seed in 'plugs' of peat moss and other organic material for one to two years. Since the roots are established in the plug of dirt, they begin to put out new root growth and top growth fairly quickly. They experience much less stress during transplanting on your property as bare root trees do.

Type of conifers available this spring are Red and White Cedar; Douglas Fir; Hemlock; Jack, Red and White Pine; Blue, Norway and White Spruce; and Tamarack.

Hardwoods will arrive at a one to three foot height. Available are: American Chestnut; American Plum; Birch; Hazelnut; Hybrid Poplar; Red and Sugar Maple; Mt. Ash; Pin, Red and White Oaks and Sumac.

Semi-dwarf apple trees will be sold in sets of three

(one Crimson Gala, one Honeycrisp and one Red Gravenstein).

Wildlife shrubs consist of Bayberry, Butterfly Bush, Elderberry, Forsythia, Gray Dogwood, Highbush Cranberry, Lilac, Nankin Cherry, Nannyberry, Red Osier Dogwood, Roselow Crab, Sand Cherry, Serviceberry, Trumpet Vine, Washington Hawthorne, Winterberry/Holly and Witch Hazel. These are sized to 18-36 inches in height.

Native wildflowers in bulb/bare root form are Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Lady Slipper, White Trillium and Bloodroot.

Fruit/vegetable seedlings and cuttings include: Asparagus, Black Raspberry, Red Raspberry and Blueberry plants.

Books, deer repellent, tree planting products, general soil surveys, and Crawford County Plat Books are available year around.

Contact the Conservation District office by calling (989) 275-3163, e-mail [barb.stauffer@macd.org](mailto:barb.stauffer@macd.org), or website on [www.roscommoncounty.net](http://www.roscommoncounty.net) (conservation district). The office is located in the Roscommon County Building and open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



2011 Winter Fun Days Swimsuit Slalom

## Hanson Hills to host winter festival

Winter Fun Days to feature swimsuit slalom, big air competition

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Hanson Hills Recreation Area will host its annual Winter Fun Days festival – an event that will include free lift tickets and trail passes, a big air competition, a chili cook-off, a swimsuit slalom, and more – during the first weekend of February.

Winter Fun Days will begin on Friday, Feb. 3, with its traditional "Dollar Night," a promotion that features a bonfire, a live DJ, and \$1 lift tickets. Friday's events will run from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Winter Fun Days will feature one of its main events – the big air competition – at noon. This year, Hanson Hills' big air competition is the third event of five in the Cold Sweat Series.

The big air competition is open to both skiers and snowboarders. Justin Andre, Director of Operations for Grayling Recreation Authority (the governing body for Hanson Hills), said the event will have "one or two jumps built and the kids can choose which one to jump off. Basically, they get a couple runs to pull off their best trick. We'll have judges to evaluate their style and technique."

Saturday's events, slated for 11 a.m. through 8 p.m., will also feature free lift tickets and trail passes (rentals and tubing not included).

Sunday's Winter Fun Days events – including a second day of free lift tickets and trail passes – will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival's chili cook-off is slated for 12-3 p.m. on Sunday. People buy tickets to taste the chili and then cast votes to determine the winners.

The Winter Fun Days

cardboard sled box race – an event in which participants build a sled out of cardboard, duct tape, and paint, and then race them down "the bowl" at Hanson Hills – is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The event's swimsuit slalom is slated for 3 p.m. on Sunday. Race gates will be set up, Andre said, and competitors wearing shorts and bikinis will navigate the slalom course. (The event will not include a slush pit this year.)

Winter Fun Days is "for Grayling," Andre said. "What better opportunity to come out and learn to ski or snowboard, especially when the lift tickets are free?"

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## Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 22 of \$25 each; Jim Ryan, Marty Lozon, Kenny Potter, Val Bielski and Bob Annis.

## Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Jan. 20 was Amanda Chace.

## The Bible Speaks

### Intensions in God's Kingdom

In Romans 14:17 God taught us that His kingdom is not non-essentials like food and drink, but spiritual essentials of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. "17For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Romans 14:18 taught us that living for Christ by emphasizing these principles makes us acceptable to God and approved of men. "18For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men." Now in Romans 14:19 we are taught how to set our spiritual compass; which direction to go, or how to have proper intensions in the Kingdom of God. "19Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

As Christian disciples we are followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following Him is one proof we are His sheep in John 10:4,5,27,28. In Matthew 16:24 Jesus instructed His disciples: "...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Followers of Christ are also told what things to follow in 1 Timothy 6:11: "11But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." Also in 2 Timothy 2:22 we are told: "22Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

"19Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace..." Every Christian has peace with God through faith in the Justifying work of Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1). By casting our all our cares, anxieties and worries upon

God we have the peace of God which passeth all understanding. (Phil 4:6,7). As we share our testimony we have our feet "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." (Eph. 6:15). Colossians 3:15 teaches us: "15And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Isaiah 26:3 promises us: "'3Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Jesus told us in Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace left us His peace in John 14:27: "27Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"19Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." We seek for peace that we may edify, strengthen, and build up the body of Christ. Christ gives gifted men to the church: "12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Eph. 4:12). Ephesians 4:29 tells us to watch our words: "29Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Loving our neighbor also means seeking his good and edification in Romans 15:2: "2Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification." Pastor "B"

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## Medicare fraud leads the list of 10 top senior scams

Medicare Fraud made the top of the list of the ten most common scams targeting seniors, according to the National Council on Aging (NCOA).

NCOA says that financial scams targeting seniors have become so common they are now considered "the crime of the 21st Century."

The NCOA reports that the number one senior scam for 2011 is Medicare/Health Insurance Fraud. All U.S. citizens older than 65 qualify for Medicare. Scam artists know this; criminals do not have to do research to find their victims. "Medicare beneficiaries are easy prey," said Susan Bowen, Coordinator of Medicare/Medicaid Counseling in Crawford County. "Most beneficiaries have a supplemental policy that picks up what Medicare does not pay, leaving seniors vulnerable to pitches for services or equipment."

Criminals may pose as a Medicare representative, or they will solicit older people to purchase home health services or equipment. They sell them bad insurance policies. Medicare loses an estimated \$50 billion a year nationally to health care swindlers.

The NCOA and the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) advise older people to:

- be suspicious of salespeople claiming equipment or services are free;
- review their Medicare Summary Notice for billing errors;

errors;

- avoid agreeing to medical goods from telemarketers, like diabetes test strips or prescription drugs;

- know the procedures and care their doctors performed;

- contact MMAP, Inc. toll free, 1-800-803-7174 about possible scams or with questions about their billing.

Bowen adds, "Crawford citizens have received mailings with wording and graphics that look like a government agency is contacting them, but they are misleading and very deceiving."

Ann Weir, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program fraud specialist, said, "These pseudo agencies use scare tactics to trick people into giving over personal information that can be used in scams. We caution seniors from giving personal information over the phone or to someone who says they are calling from your bank or a governmental agency. Your financial institution already knows your bank account number. Government institutions have it, too. There is no reason to ask you for it." MMAP, Inc. is a free counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries. Counselors explain Medicare statements, insurance choices, prescription drug enrollment, and counsel on suspicious activity that involves Medicare reimbursement. Crawford County has volunteer counselors who are reached by calling 1-800-803-7174 or 989-358-4612.

## Home Heating Credits now being processed

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) noted that the Michigan Department of Treasury is now processing Michigan Home Heating Credits (HHC) for the 2011 tax year. The credit assists low-income customers with winter energy bills.

Instruction booklets and forms have been mailed out by the Department of Treasury. More than 75 percent of the HHCs were e-filed in 2011.

For those people who file a tax return, the Michigan Department of Treasury encourages them to e-file their returns because it speeds processing and reduces errors for the HHC.

To find an authorized e-file provider and information on free e-file services, visit Treasury's website:

MIFastFile.org.

Individuals may apply for the HHC even if they do not file a tax return.

Forms and instructional materials are available on the Internet at [michigan.gov/incometax](http://michigan.gov/incometax) or by calling 517-636-4486.

In addition, forms are available at many libraries and post offices in northern Michigan and Department of Human Services branch offices across the state.

Heating assistance information is available at [michigan.gov/heatingassistance](http://michigan.gov/heatingassistance).

The MPSC's BeWinterWise website provides additional information: [michigan.gov/bewinterwise](http://michigan.gov/bewinterwise).

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

## Range Firing

There are no range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Feb. 2-8:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 5-8.

This firing schedule is

subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 989-344-6100.

## Area Events

**Otsego County** - The Otsego Club & Resort will host the Ski and Snowboarding Revolution Tour Jan. 27 - Feb. 5. The Revolution Tour is the top skiing and riding junior event tour in the country. Halfpipe and slopestyle athletes 13 and older compete together in an open-class event. This event is used to

qualify athletes for World Juniors, U.S. Open, U.S. World Cup, USASA Nationals and Project Gold camps. For more information about the Revolution Tour event visit [www.ussnowboarding.com/events/otsego-revolution-tour](http://www.ussnowboarding.com/events/otsego-revolution-tour). The public is invited to experience this event up close.

## Obituaries

### Bernard A. Polak

Bernard A. Polak, 72, of Grayling, passed away January 22, 2012.

Bernard was born in Detroit, on January 28, 1939, a son of the late Rose Jancura and Adolph Polak.

He was the husband of Frances (Dobroske) Polak. They were married February 8, 1969, in Dearborn.

He enjoyed taking photos, fly fishing, and watching Grey Foxes on his property.

He was retired from the housekeeping department at Mercy Manor.

Bernard is survived by his wife, Fran of 42 years;

nephew, Gregory (Agnes) Hryczyk of Ypsilanti; aunt, Ann Paolucci of Harrison Township; two uncles, Wally Jancura and Art Kournoian; two cousins, Paul (Christie) Miodek of LeRoy, and Valerie Bielsky. Bernard also had many other cousins, family, and friends.

He is preceded in death by both parents; and one sister.

There are no public services planned.

Memorial contributions can be made to Mercy Hospice of Grayling.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Jan. 27 - Lunch - Italian sausage with green peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and cherry yogurt. No dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo, Pool - 9 Ball, Paint and Draw.

Monday, Jan. 30 - Lunch - pork fritter, sweet and sour sauce, rice, mixed vegetables and pineapple. Dinner - stuffed florentine shells, wax beans, broccoli and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Lunch - original fried chicken, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and honey-nut apples. Dinner - meatloaf, mashed

potatoes with gravy, corn and strawberries. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Lunch - Sloppy Joes, O'Brien potatoes, cole slaw and plums. Dinner - baked chicken, sweet potatoes, Prince Charles blend, applesauce and lemon bar. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool- Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, Feb. 2 - Lunch - lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, garlic toast, apricots and carrot cake. Dinner - roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables and peaches. 10 a.m. crafting, Pokemo, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, Unlucky 7's, and pool - 8 Ball.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 96 complaints the week of Jan. 16 - Jan. 22.

Eighteen general non-criminal complaints, three delinquent minors, five snowmobile incidents, 11 false alarm activations, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny-pocket picking, three larcenies, one possession of stolen vehicle, two fraud complaints, two disorderly conduct complaints, three public peace/disorder-

ly complaints, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating under the influence of drugs, two health and safety complaints, one conservation, three violation of conservation laws, two miscellaneous criminal complaints, four miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, three parking violations, one accident fire, two hazardous conditions, seven investigations-family trouble, four suspicious situations one drug overdose.

## Births

Brittney and Richard Schmidt, Jr., of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Ronan Jeffrey, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2012 at 1:28 p.m., weighing 9 lbs., 9.3 ozs., and measuring 22 inches length.

Nicole and Daniel Kemp, announce the birth of their son, Bradley Daniel, born at Mercy Hospital on January 19, 2012 at 8:10 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 12 ozs., and measuring 22 inches length.

Kimberly Babbitt and Keith Moore, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Austin Daniel Brice, born at Mercy Hospital on January 13, 2012 at 10:46 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Danielle Marie Ray, announces the birth of a son, Bradlee James, born at Mercy Hospital on January 19, 2012 at 12:54 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 15.6 ozs., measuring 20 inches in length.

## Library News

The C.C.L.L. Book Club and Devereaux Memorial Library invite you to share a special event celebrating the "Great Michigan Read" on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. Every year the Michigan Humanities Council picks one book to be its book club pick for the entire state to read, and this year's choice is "Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age" by Kevin Boyle. Mr. Boyle's book is a recounting of a landmark historical event that took place in Detroit, Michigan

culminating in an epic legal battle that was a pivotal event in the civil rights movement. Join us for our program called "Bitter Sweet: The Pursuit of Happiness and Housing in Segregated America" which will include a PBS mini-documentary designed for this night, along with readings, a discussion and refreshments. For additional information contact Jane at 989-348-9214. Multiple copies of "Arc of Justice" are available for check out.



**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
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501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

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URL: <http://burningbushtabernacle.com>  
Pastor: [petrie@burningbushtabernacle.com](mailto:petrie@burningbushtabernacle.com)

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
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6441 West M-72, Grayling, MI  
Church office: 989-348-5850  
[saint\\_francis@stfranciscatholic.com](mailto:saint_francis@stfranciscatholic.com)  
Sunday Worship Services at 9:30am  
Wednesday Holy Eucharist 8:30am  
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**Bear Lake Christian Church**  
Pastor: Scott Hoffer  
231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI  
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231-258-6107  
Sunday Worship - 10am  
Sunday School - 9am  
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**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Morning Worship: 10:30am  
Evening Worship: 6pm  
Wednesday: 7pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed): 7pm  
989-348-9220  
M-72 West, Grayling

**Resurrection Life Center**  
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am  
Midweek Services (Wed): 7 pm  
Mail: 2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738  
[reslife@reslife.org](mailto:reslife@reslife.org)  
M-72 West - (989) 348-1000

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church**  
905 N. I-75 Business Loop Grayling, MI 49738 989-348-5921  
Pastor: Todd Brunworth  
Sunday - Bible Class 9:45am  
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## Longtime Lovells residents help celebrate anniversary

Lovells Township celebrated its 100th anniversary on Tuesday, Jan. 10, with a coffee and cake reception following the Lovells Township Board's meeting. Above, three long-time residents, Margie Thomson, who was born in Lovells in 1927 in the original Caid House, which is still standing, Dale Gauthier Sr., who was born in Lovells in 1940, and Sophie Koernke, 92, who has lived in Lovells for 65 years, were on hand to cut the cake for the celebration.

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Infante

## People Fund grants awarded to local groups in 2011

Great Lakes Energy, with the help of its members, continued its tradition of looking out for charitable and community organizations during 2011 by awarding \$176,081 in People Fund grants. The funds went to more than 80 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits. Of that total, more than \$63,000 was awarded to 31 organizations in northwestern Michigan.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members we've awarded more than \$2.23 million in grants since 1999 to local organizations," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "For just less than 50 cents per month, our members can round-up their bill and all of that money goes back to their local community."

Members of the electric cooperative who are not participating are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's

office. "The contributions are small but when added together, we are able to help many," explains Boeckman. "Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles and we couldn't do it without our members' help."

The following Crawford County organizations received People Fund grants during 2011:

\$1,200 to the Crawford County Commission on Aging; Coupon booklets for low-income seniors to receive fresh local produce.

\$1,800 to the Crawford County Library System;

Two computers for children's programs. The full list of grant recipients can be found by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or by visiting [gtlakes.com](http://gtlakes.com) and downloading the report from Your Community/People Fund/Annual Report.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund invites applications for 2012 grants from local non-profit organizations. Deadline for applications for the 2012 grant cycles are Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1. Request an application by calling 888-485-2537 ext. 1313, or download the application on [gtlakes.com](http://gtlakes.com).

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## Former prosecutor, county in dispute over payments

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special assistant prosecuting attorney for Clare County.

Ayers subsequently requested that Huss take over his entire caseload in Clare County.

Between July 2009 until July 2010, Huss prosecuted a number of criminal cases utilizing a secretary in the Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney's office as a typist.

At the request of Chief 46th Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen and Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo, the secretary was asked to perform the work for Huss after hours to free her up to work on the current caseload being handled by the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

Huss agreed and was billed by the secretary at a rate of \$20 per hour for the typing services. Huss paid the bill, but sought reimbursement from Clare County.

In May 2010, Clare County informed Huss that it would not pay him for cost he incurred for the typing, citing a state law regarding the appointment of special prosecuting attorneys. The law states the county of the disqualified prosecutor is liable for the

cost of prosecution with the exception of personnel costs.

Huss then sought reimbursement from Crawford County, but the county has refused to pay.

In response to the small claims lawsuit, Compo argued that Huss' request to use the prosecuting attorney office's staff during normal working hours was too disruptive to the office. At the time, Ayers and Don Sommerfeld, the assistant Crawford County Prosecutor, were busier than the office was during Huss' tenure, Compo said in his response to the small claims lawsuit. Finally, Compo argued that Huss' repeated demands for services were counterproductive to the operation of the prosecutor's office.

Compo argues that the payment to Huss should be denied because it should be considered as an allowable expense as a contracted service. The county also does not believe Huss paid applicable taxes, Worker's Compensation Insurance, State of Michigan Unemployment Insurance or other personnel costs assumed under fringe benefits. Finally, Compo argues that the secretarial services

should be considered like an investigator or expert witness for the prosecution of the cases and was never correctly invoiced. Compo said Crawford County taxpayers should not be liable for expenses for Clare County cases.

In the second count of Huss' small claims case, he argues that the county owes him over \$700 in longevity pay.

Longevity is a benefit predominantly for public sector employees. The purpose of longevity pay is to provide long-term, public sector employees a monetary stipend to award their continued employment because in many cases that were underpaid in relation of their private sector counterparts, Compo said.

Huss maintains he is owed longevity pay because he worked over 30 years as the Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney before his position was terminated at midnight on Dec. 31, 2008.

Compo agrees that Huss' position with the county was terminated with the county on Dec. 31, although he was never on site working from Dec. 19 through the balance of the year, Compo said.

The date of Huss' employment with Crawford County was Jan. 1, 1981, making his anniversary date Jan. 1, Compo said.

Huss was not employed on Jan. 1, 2009, therefore he was not eligible for the longevity benefit since he was no longer serving the citizens of Crawford County.

Had Huss been the prosecuting attorney on Jan. 1, 2009, he would have been eligible for a payment of \$630, Compo said.

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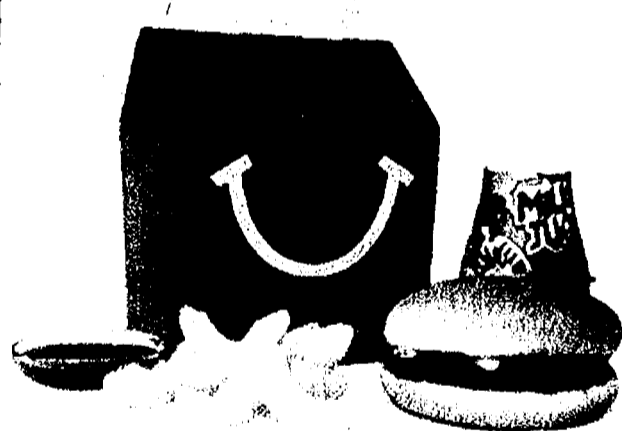
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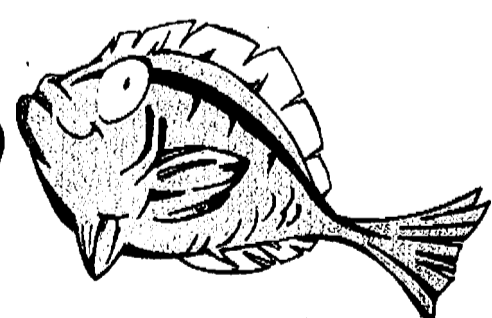
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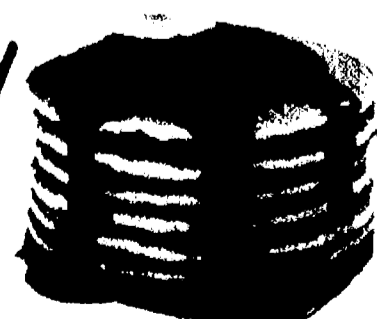


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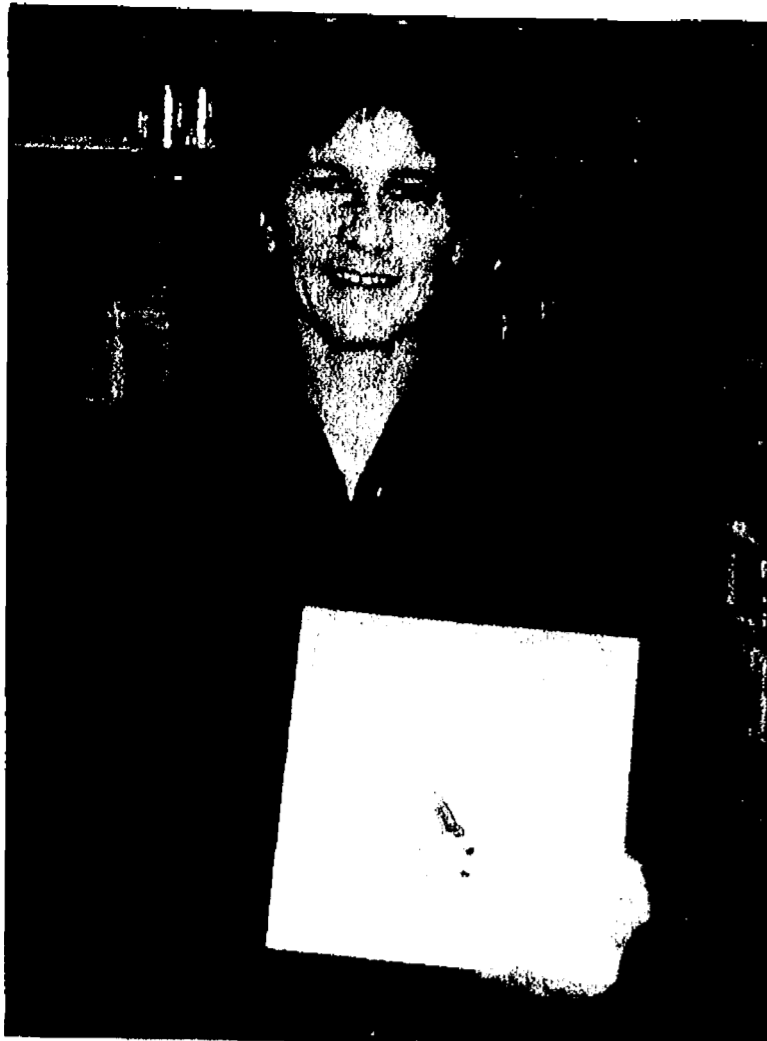
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## Youth learn the ABCs of wrestling at the library

Tom Davids, who co-authored the book "Wrestling the ABCs" with his wife Veronica, made a presentation at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library earlier this month. The first picture book ever written and illustrated on the sport of amateur wrestling is aimed to create character and foster on fitness. The program was part of the library's ongoing reading program "Wrestle With a Good Book." Above, Davids displays a copy of the book. Below, Davids, who helps run the family owned business called Davids Gold Medal Sports that supplies gear to amateur wrestlers, is pictured giving his presentation to youth at the library.



## Michigan Envirothon seeking competitors

High school students who are interested in the environment and enjoy the outdoors are encouraged to compete in the 2012 Michigan Envirothon. The Michigan Envirothon is an outdoor environmental competition sponsored by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.

At Michigan Envirothon competitions, teams of high school students are tested on their conservation knowledge and skills. Regional and state competitions are held with the overall winner representing Michigan at the Canon North American Envirothon. The Canon North American Envirothon includes teams from across the United States and Canada.

Students interested in participating in the Michigan Envirothon register as a team of five students, each team must have an adult advisor. The deadline for registering for the Michigan Envirothon is Feb. 8, with a registration fee of \$100 for each team. Any high school student in Michigan is eligible to participate in the Envirothon.

Michigan Envirothon gives students the opportunity to learn about the environment by working with

natural resources professionals from state, federal and other conservation organizations. Team members use their environmental knowledge and the skills they learn to compete in hands-on outdoor competitions. Each team also completes a community outreach project addressing a natural resources concern in their community.

Teams first compete in regional competitions held in March in preparation for the state competition. In 2012 the state competition will be held from May 9 to 11 at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. The Canon North American Envirothon will be held from July 22 to July 28 at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Penn.

The Michigan Envirothon was established in 1994. In 2011, 28 teams, including 163 students, participated in the competition. For more information about the Michigan Envirothon including registration materials contact Michigan Envirothon by phone at (517) 324-4421, by e-mail at [mienvirothon@macd.org](mailto:mienvirothon@macd.org) or visit [www.michiganenvirothon.org](http://www.michiganenvirothon.org).

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# Dave Dean's dreams are being fulfilled on the wrestling mats

The sport of folk style wrestling has been popular for over a century with many youth, high school and college programs participating throughout the nation.

For the last decade many of these programs have suffered due to the lack of resources to support their efforts.

This is not the case in Crawford County, where there are currently two wrestling programs available for youth with two different leagues and over 50 K-eighth grade students registered.

The AuSable Wrestling Association (AWA), a newly formed organization under the leadership of Coach Claude Halstead, made the bold decision to participate in both the North Eastern Michigan Wrestling Association (NEMWA) and Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) leagues to allow young wrestlers to develop folk style wrestling skills and have greater opportunities to test their abilities.

Halstead has been recognized by the Far North region for his coaching abilities and has been selected to represent the Far North and North Regions of MYWAY as the assistant Middle School Coach for the Clash of the Titans Regional All-Star Team Duals meet in Holt, on Jan. 29.

"It was an honor to be chosen for this position, but it is no where near the accomplishment that should be recognized for the dedication of the volunteer coaches for AWA. Because of their efforts, I will not be making this journey alone," Halstead said.

Two of AWA's wrestlers have been requested to wrestle as members of the Far North-North team that will battle it out for state supremacy in Holt. Dakota Mansfield, an eighth grade Grayling Middle School student and Grayling Elementary School student

Max Halstead will be part of the 40 member MYWAY All Star team.

"I am glad that I was chosen to wrestle in this meet, and will do my best to make everyone in AWA proud," Mansfield said. "I am really lucky to have had great coaches in the past and am excited to have Coach Bill Bedford and Coach Don Ferguson working with me now."

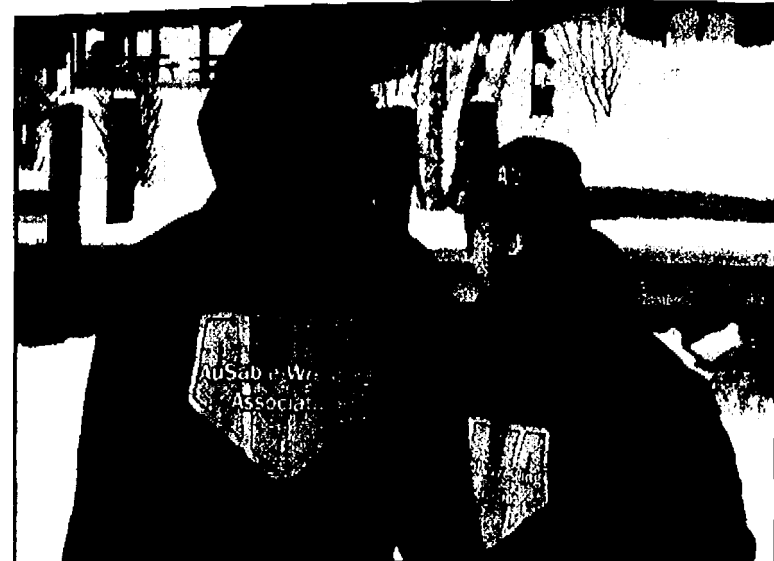
MYWAY is an organization that was founded by Dave Dean just over a decade ago with about 700 wrestlers.

Today, MYWAY has grown to include over 8,000 wrestlers from all over the state.

Dean, the son of the late Dr. Fraser M. Dean, the superintendent of Crawford AuSable School District, 1973-1978 lives on the East Branch of the AuSable River and began his wrestling career under the guidance of Coaches Ferguson and Bedford. Dean has not forgotten his time in Crawford County or his coaches and continues to keep in contact. His passion for wrestling and the individuals dedicated to the sport prompted him to recognize the need for developing a program to rejuvenate the sport of folk style wrestling at a foundation level so that individuals within the State of Michigan would have an opportunity to see their dreams come to fruition.

Dean's ground up movement has since grown into a much bigger organization, the National United Wrestling Association for Youth (NUWAY), which is presently represented by 11 other states which share in his vision.

Dean, who is now the Lowell High School varsity wrestling coach, served 13 seasons as an assistant coach at Michigan State University as well as the team's strength and conditioning coordinator. Dean also served as assistant



Above, Dakota Mansfield and Coach Claude Halstead will represent the Far North and North Regions at the Clash of the Titans Regional All-Star Team Duals wrestling meet in Holt, on Jan. 29.

coach at the University of Minnesota.

Dean's personal wrestling accomplishments include two state championships while wrestling at Montrose High School, Big Ten Champion titles twice, with second and third, places at the NCAA Championships as well. Dean served as an alternate at the 1996 Olympic Games, won a silver medal at the Greco-Roman Pan American Championships in 1994 and has been honored as Wrestler of the Year by the Michigan Wrestling Association.

Dean's personal accomplishments are great, but greater still is his dedication to create opportunities for future generations of wrestlers. Ten years ago there would not have been as many opportunities for young wrestlers. Both NUWAY and MYWAY have made folk style wrestling a better place by providing resources to assist youth wrestling clubs, individuals and collegiate programs an opportunity to improve athletic development that otherwise might have suffered.

Dean's passion and vision are selfless and unstoppable much like the coaches of his formidable years, Ferguson and Bedford.

Bedford coached the

Grayling Middle School wrestling team for Crawford AuSable Schools while Don Ferguson coached at Grayling High School.

The majority of AWA's 2011-2012 coaching staff wrestled for both coaches and have incorporated their philosophies into everyday practices.

"When AWA was in the first stages of growth, we realized that the only way to develop a quality program was to reflect on what had been successful in the past," said Grayling High School Wrestling Coach Andy Moore. "Coach Ferguson and Coach Bedford were the core foundation of the two great youth wrestling programs that Crawford County has today. I cannot begin to tell you how lucky we are to have gotten both coaches to come out of retirement to help us to build team AWA for the youth today."

"The AuSable Wrestling Association has seen great success in the first year with many team members bringing home medals at their very first meets," Moore added. "For a first-year club to have three people selected to represent the northern portion of the state is an accomplishment and honor we could have never dreamed of."



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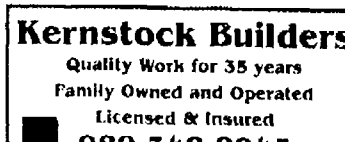


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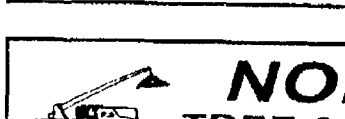
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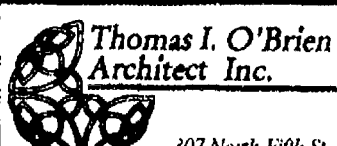
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## Grayling musician serves as voice for animated rock n' roll singer

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amazing."

Produced by California-based Enteraktion Studios, the movie features a star-studded cast including Oscar winner Melissa Leo, as Butterfly McDweg, and Maggie Wheeler, as Sophia So-Dwegon, well-known for her role as Chandler's annoying girlfriend Janice on "Friends."

Darling was filmed performing the music for the movie. The live performance will be shown at the end of the movie and was used for her animated scenes as Sophia.

"When you see her singing, she plays a rock guitar and she moves like I move when I perform," Darling said. "It's really cute."

Darling has formed a partnership with Walsh and they continue to work on future film projects. In the meantime, Darling has been encouraged to venture on as a top-40 popular music artist and hopes to land a deal with a major record label.

"He wants me to be a character and still sing for future films but still be Keyna Darling with a major label," she said.

Walsh once served as the manager for legendary rocker Billy Idol, but opted to return to his roots as a writer and movie producer.

"He said he got out of the music business because it stopped being about the music until I heard you," Darling said.

Currently, Darling is focused on writing songs since there is a planned sequel to the movie and



Above, Keyna Darling, who was inducted into Grayling High School's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008, said she would love to host a concert in Grayling after Dwegons hits the theaters across the world.

Sophia will rock on.

"After the movie is over the Caveflyers will still be going on," she said.

Darling, who lives near St. Helen, moved to Grayling with her family when she was 12-years old.

She grew up in a musical family. Her late father, Pete, played the harmonica and drums, and her late mother, Alma, sang Patsy Kline songs around the home.

Darling was first bit by the bug to perform in front of an audience after she sang a song she wrote during a talent competition while attending a cheer-leading camp.

Darling also regularly sang for patients in nursing homes and in hospitals.

Darling says the sky is the limit as far as her career

since her daughters are grown and on their own.

"It's not like I ever tried to become an artist,"

Darling said. "I just love to sing, play the piano and play the guitar. I started singing in hospitals and nursing homes and it just broke out from there. It's good to work at a job that you're good at and you love to do."

Unless she is contractualy obligated to relocate, Darling said she would always live in Michigan. She wants to follow in the footsteps of Michigan musicians such as Bob Seger, Kid Rock, Michael Posner, who is currently a popular musician, and Mark Farner, the lead singer of Grand Funk Railroad. Farner sang a song on Darling's album

called "Loving You."

"I want to be an artist that comes from Michigan and no matter where I have to travel, come back and let this be my home base," Darling said. "Even though Michigan is going through a hard time and the economy is rough, we need to stand by the state we live in."

Darling, who was inducted into Grayling High School's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008, said she would love to host a concert in Grayling after Dwegons hits the theaters across the world.

"I think it would be good for the economy and I would love to share with everyone what I've been through and just have a nice concert here," Darling said.

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Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet competitors from the Men's Michigan Cup 30K Division begin their race on Saturday morning at Hanson Hills.

## Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet continues to grow

3rd annual set of races features more than 170 competitors

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) hosted the third annual Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet – a cross country ski race series for people of all ages and skill levels – at Hanson Hills Recreation Area on Saturday, and the 2012 event featured another increase in participation from previous years.

"I think we've got record numbers," Justin Andre, Director of Operations for

GRA, said on Saturday morning following the beginning of the six different Cote Dame Marie races.

According to GRA, 174 competitors participated in this year's Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet. The event featured a Michigan Cup men's race, a Michigan Cup women's race, a junior race, citizen skate races for men and women, and a citizens' classic race. All six began

on Saturday morning, with the first race – the Michigan Cup men's division – starting at approximately 10 a.m. It was sunny and cold on Saturday morning for the races. The groomed trails had plenty of snow.

"The course conditions were really nice. Temperatures were cold for the start. All in all, with the new snow we got last week, we had pretty pristine race con-

ditions," Andre said.

This year's Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet had approximately 20 more participants than last year and 34 more than in 2010 – the event's first year.

"Our highest year yet. We're seeing some increase. The committee is really excited to see that. We had a lot more citizen racers than in years past. The recreation division is catching on," Andre said.



Junior Division skiers leave the starting line during Saturday's Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet.



Oni Mitchell skis during the beginning of the race.



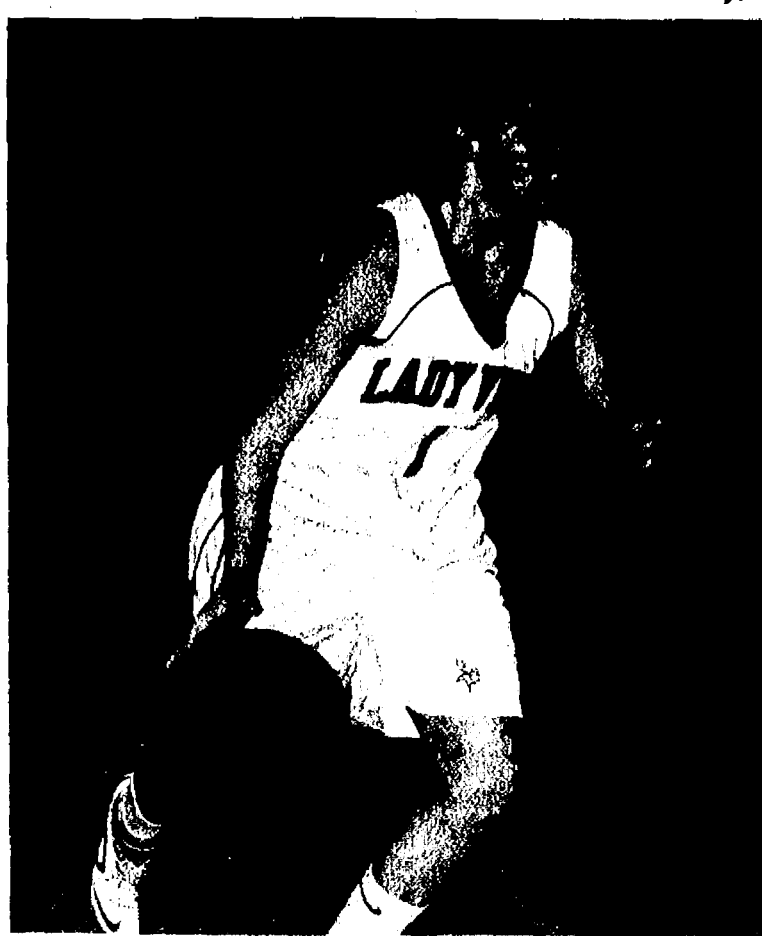
Milan Baic competes in the 2012 Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet on Saturday.

Photos by Caleb Casey

### 2012 COTE DAME MARIE SKI LOPPET RESULTS

Place	Bib#	Name	Time
<b>Citizen Men's 8K Classic</b>			
01	234	Jeff Hervels	33:22.0
02	236	Gabe Williams	35:41.1
03	230	Andrew Temme	35:41.8
04	246	George Gambert	42:23.6
05	226	Paul Jansen	46:16.7
06	207	Ned Rambo	53:57.0
07	229	Jim Linsell	1:08:16.8
08	251	Marvin Stevenson	1:17:30.0
<b>Citizen Women's 8K Classic</b>			
01	235	Hannah Steffke	43:25.5
02	231	Hanna Miller	43:47.6
03	247	Gwenn Stevenson	1:00:33.6
04	248	Renee Bancroft	1:01:32.6
05	254	Madeline Steffke	1:12:41.2
<b>Citizen Men's 8K Skate</b>			
01	224	Yensen Schwab	27:41.9
02	228	Matt Durand	33:59.7
03	252	Hap Wright	35:55.7
04	245	Fred Arnold	41:22.8
05	227	Rob Butryn	42:00.9
06	233	John McKeon	44:17.5
07	250	Carl Ridgway	44:36.3
08	249	John Johnson	54:21.4
<b>Citizen Women's 8K Skate</b>			
01	223	Oni Mitchell	1:33:10.1
<b>Junior Boys 8K Skate</b>			
01	201	Ian Durand	28:57.3
02	215	Sean Brownell	30:17.0
03	212	Charles Needham	30:27.7
04	243	Mark Smith	30:29.9
05	209	Kyle Dotterer	30:46.4
06	203	David Butryn	33:35.5
07	216	Tim Brownell	33:37.9
08	213	Mike Siciliano	34:20.9
09	202	Luke Rambo	34:33.8
10	232	Forrest Lewallen	35:01.3
11	242	Clay Darling	35:01.6
12	214	Nicholas Amato	36:04.2
13	241	Frank Leahy	37:06.6
14	237	Joe Banish	37:28.6
15	208	Graham Bevier	38:17.2
16	204	Garrett Gabalis	39:01.0
17	211	Jacob Myers	41:05.7
18	253	Levi Gournie	41:24.3
19	240	Colton Gerler	41:48.0
20	235	Jack Hervela	45:48.8
21	210	Peter Jacobson	45:59.0
22	205	Gage Gabalis	50:23.2
23	244	Garrett Ruffner	52:08.1
<b>Junior Girls 8K Skate</b>			
1	219	Erin Lipp	30:30.5
2	221	Lauren Pflughoeft	31:36.5
3	218	Hannah Davis	35:23.8
4	225	Heidi Schwab	35:29.6
5	222	Kendall Minor	39:03.2
6	206	Emily Steffke	39:58.5
7	217	Jami Chung	40:29.4
8	220	Hayley Padden	41:29.5
9	238	Katie Cooney	43:38.3
10	239	Clara Tripp	49:41.2
<b>Michigan Cup Men's 30K</b>			
1	48	Jeff Koch	1:20:01.6
2	79	Daniel Yankos	1:21:34.5
3	73	Alex Varian	1:22:19.5
4	50	John O'Hearn	1:23:20.5
5	49	Milan Baic	1:23:30.0
6	75	Denny Paul	1:23:49.5
7	30	Ryan Halstead	1:23:57.4
8	4	Glenn Goodman	1:24:11.8
9	6	Ryan Harris	1:25:37.2
10	25	Jim Harrington	1:25:39.8
11	81	Jon Foltz	1:25:50.8
12	28	Andrew Bruning	1:26:24.2
13	13	Kyle Rambo	1:26:30.1
14	84	John Gravin	1:26:35.9
15	62	Clifford Onthank	1:26:39.0
16	59	Randal Blodel	1:27:03.3
17	58	Dell Todd	1:27:24.6
18	57	Gregory Worsnop	1:29:19.1
19	89	Jon Morgan	1:29:55.7
20	65	Tim Jenema	1:30:10.4
21	32	Robert Smith	1:30:17.4
22	19	Matthew Stuber	1:30:32.6
23	3	Don Camp	1:30:43.0
24	91	Dave Smith	1:30:51.0
25	74	Doug Heady	1:32:55.7
26	69	Alexey Vermeulen	1:32:56.5
27	61	Steve Andriese	1:33:37.8
28	71	Douglas Cornell	1:33:47.2
29	77	Steve Van Dam	1:34:03.2
30	46	Chris Weingartz	1:34:08.8
31	15	Stephen Smigiel	1:34:11.5
32	64	Tim Onthank	1:36:32.6
33	8	William Kalitz	1:36:48.4
34	12	Curt Peterson	1:38:04.9
35	70	Larry Kanaby	1:38:51.0
36	85	Michael Seaman	1:39:20.8
37	86	Jerry Weiss	1:39:30.4
38	56	Robin Luce	1:39:44.3
39	14	Steve Seager	1:41:20.8
40	51	Kip Knight	1:41:39.5
41	87	Steve Brown	1:42:07.5
42	88	Robert Fairmeh	1:42:16.0
43	42	Jim Anderson	1:42:47.7
44	18	Steve Steffke	1:43:21.6
45	5	Jamie Green	1:44:08.3
46	27	Chris Maltby	1:44:10.7
47	45	Frank Rynalski	1:44:21.5
48	67	John Britton	1:45:12.0
49	9	Fred Mills	1:46:05.4
50	31	Josh Sheldon	1:46:26.1
51	43	Mike Temkin	1:46:43.6
52	72	Tony Percha	1:46:55.3
53	60	Stuburg Biders	1:48:28.1
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55	47	Brian Beachaupt	1:49:41.2
56	38	Alex Jakle	1:50:10.3
57	26	John Schuld	1:51:33.3
58	52	Blair Zorvell	1:51:43.0
59	93	Tim Cook	1:52:10.8
60	29	Tom Baron	1:53:40.3
61	40	Theo Von Wallmenich	1:54:37.3
62	76	Karl Trost Jr	1:55:26.7
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86	17	Michael Southwell	2:18:33.8
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88	66	David Beier	2:26:38.9
89	2	Christopher Anderson	2:34:06.2
90	41	Rick Kraai	2:40:47.4
91	83	Rian Mintek	2:45:23.5
92	37	Bob Welsch	N/A
93	39	Dale Ernst	N/A
94	63	Sam Shoup	N/A
<b>Michigan Cup Women's 15K</b>			
01	135	Susan Vigland	48:09.0
02	127	Amy Powell	48:10.4
03	145	Laura Webb	50:52.9
04	144	Tracy Hardin	53:19.6
05	133	Brenda Carlson	54:23.6
06	139	Ann Wagar	55:23.1
07	126	Gussie Peterson	55:38.3
08	138	Jean Van Dam	55:41.2
09	134	Bonnie Karas	57:38.9
10	142	Mariah Frye	58:47.0
11	143	Bridget Faltr	59:01.5
12	146	Karen Kirt	59:02.0
13	147	Hilary Witbrodt	1:03:30.2
14	130	Linda Weeks	1:04:17.4
15	148	Fran Upton	1:07:40.3
16	150	Vickie Putnam	1:08:17.6
17	128	Christine Seager	1:10:12.3
18	132	Linda Allen	1:25:52.3
19	136	Emily McKeon	1:28:54.2
20	140	Amelia Wilks	1:34:38.8
21	137	Christine Fowler	1:36:06.0
22	149	Jean Murray	1:48:33.6
23	131	Barbara Slovsky	1:51:37.5
24	131	Cheryl Timm	1:59:21.0
25	141	Julie Hewitt	2:01:49.6

Results courtesy of Grayling Recreation Authority



Caitlin Prosser, left, handles the ball for the Vikings vs. Boyne City on Friday night. Hailey Whittaker, right, dribbles the ball for GHS during last week's 47-43 victory over the Ramblers.

## Varsity girls win league game 47-43 vs. Boyne City

### Vikings battle back in 4th quarter to win by four

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad won its first league game on Friday, defeating the visiting Boyne City Ramblers 47-43 in a contest that featured several lead changes.

Boyne City led by one, 6-5, at the end of the first period. Grayling scored its five points with a jump shot by Cierra Prosser, a lay-up by Hailey Whittaker, and one free throw from Maddie Benardo. Boyne City scored its six points with two triples.

Grayling had a one-point edge at halftime (20-19). The Vikings scored 15 points in the second period with an inside shot by Hannah Haven, inside shots by Jo Hamlin and Hailey Whittaker, jump shots by Haven and Hamlin, one free throw and a put-back by Prosser, and a drive by Hamlin.

Boyne City scored the first basket of the second half. Caitlin Prosser hit two free throws to put Grayling back up by one.

The Ramblers scored eight unanswered points to lead by seven, 29-22.

Haven scored for GHS on a put-back. Boyne scored. Hamlin hit an inside shot.

The Ramblers answered with a two-point basket. Hamlin scored four points with a put-back and two free throws. Boyne scored to lead by five, 35-30. Hamlin and Jamie Denton each hit one free throw in the third quarter's final seconds.

Boyne City led 35-32 going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

Benardo scored for Grayling on an inside shot. Boyne City hit a jumper to go back up by three.

The Vikings scored seven unanswered points with a drive by Hamlin, a jumper by Prosser, and a three-pointer by Hamlin.

The Ramblers scored to pull within two. Hamlin scored on an inside shot. Boyne City scored, cutting Grayling's lead to two with 3:04 remaining in the fourth quarter. Haven hit one free throw. The Ramblers scored on a put-back to pull within one with 2:21 left in the game.

Boyne City did not score in the contest's final 2:20. Grayling scored the only points down the stretch with an inside shot by Benardo and one free throw from Hamlin. The Vikings won by four, 47-43.

"It was a very close game the entire way. We were down seven with three min-

utes to go in the third quarter when we went on a run. With our press, it takes time for the other team to wear down. Our girls worked very hard, and because of that we were able to wear down Boyne City," Coach Joe Powers said.

"We want to win the fourth quarter, and in many games, we do. Since we had not played in 10 days, our shooting wasn't very good. We had lots of difficulty putting the ball through the hoop. But because our girls do not give up, they keep playing hard and forcing turnovers. Because of their effort we had 84 shot opportunities, which was 20 more than our opponent. The girls' effort overcame a poor shooting night," Coach Powers said.

According to the team, Hamlin had 21 points and 14 rebounds.

"I am very proud of the girls because they won another very close game. If the game is close in the fourth quarter, we have a lot of confidence that we can compete," Coach Powers said. "It was a nice win coming off of a long break. The girls did well."

Grayling (5-6 overall, 1-4 conference) will host East Jordan at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27.

### Lake Michigan Conference

#### Girls Basketball

St. Francis	5-0
Elk Rapids	4-1
Kalkaska	4-1
East Jordan	3-2
Harbor Springs	2-3
Charlevoix	1-4
GRAYLING	1-4
Boyne City	0-5

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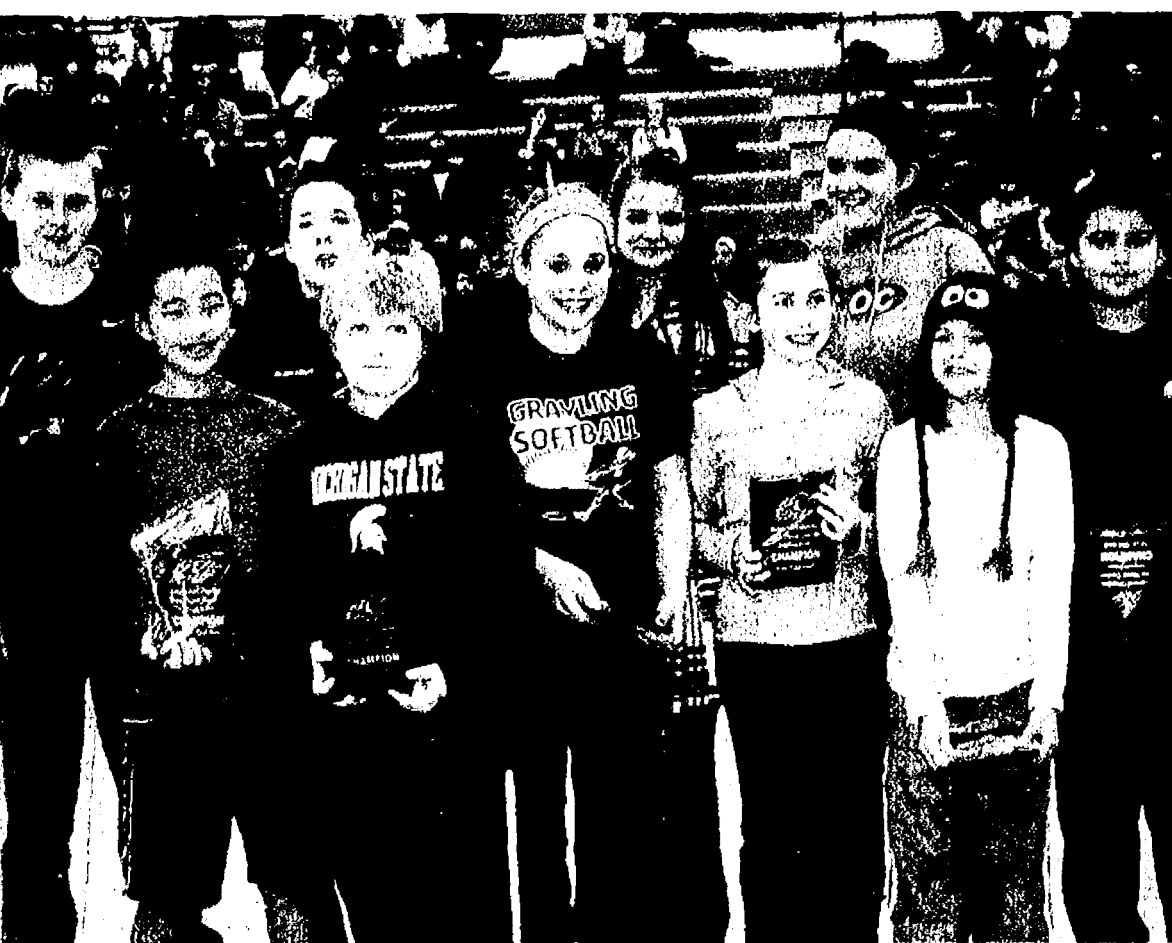
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During halftime of last Friday's varsity girls basketball game the Grayling Knights of Columbus presented awards to the winners of the K of C's annual free throw contest (ages 9-14). This year's free throw contest was held at Grayling Middle School on Sunday, Jan. 15. The winners: (front, L to R) Trey Moffit (boys, 11), Trenton Gabriel (boys, 10), Emma Prosser (girls, 12), Alaina Moffit (girls, 9), Jasmine Denton (girls, 10); (back, L to R) Troy Summers (boys, 12), Thomas Barnes (boys, 13), Brittany Nielson (girls, 13), Taylor Nielson (girls, 14), Olivia Schreiber (girls, 11). Not pictured: Jake Hinkle (boys, 14). Winners will compete in Districts at Gaylord on Jan. 29.

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# Comeback attempt falls short in 69-60 league loss

## Boyne City beats Grayling by nine in varsity game

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team lost its second consecutive league game, falling to the visiting Boyne City Ramblers 69-60 on Friday night. The Vikings, after a bad second quarter, were in catch-up mode all second half; they pulled within three in the fourth quarter but they weren't able to cut the deficit any more than that.

The score was tied at 10-10 after one quarter. Grayling scored its 10 points with a jump shot by Riley Zigila, a put-back by Griffin Dean, an inside shot by Jake Swander, a lay-up by Tyler McClanahan, and free throws from Steven Enos and Dean.

Boyne City outscored Grayling 24-13 in the second quarter to lead 34-23 at halftime. The Vikings scored their 13 second period points with a put-back by Zane Tobin, a drive by Zigila, inside shots by Enos and Thomas Burrell, a triple by Tobin, and free throws from Enos and Tobin.

Boyne City hit three triples in the second quarter and did the rest of its damage inside or at the free-throw line.

The Ramblers opened the second half with a three-pointer. Grayling answered with a triple by Tobin. Dean scored for GHS on an inside shot. Tobin hit another three-pointer at the 6:23 mark to cut Boyne City's lead to six.

The Ramblers edged Grayling 13-12 in the last

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#### Boys Basketball

St. Francis	5-0
Elk Rapids	4-1
Boyne City	3-2
Charlevoix	3-2
GRAYLING	3-2
Harbor Springs	2-3
East Jordan	0-5
Kalkaska	0-5

Last week's scores  
Boyne City 69, Grayling 60  
Charlevoix 75, Harbor Springs 40  
St. Francis 73, East Jordan 48  
Elk Rapids 49, Kalkaska 29

6:22 of the third period. The Vikings got their 12 with a drive by McClanahan, one free throw from Enos, another triple by Tobin (his fourth of the game), an inside shot by Tobin, an inside shot by Scott Parkinson, and two free throws from Swander.

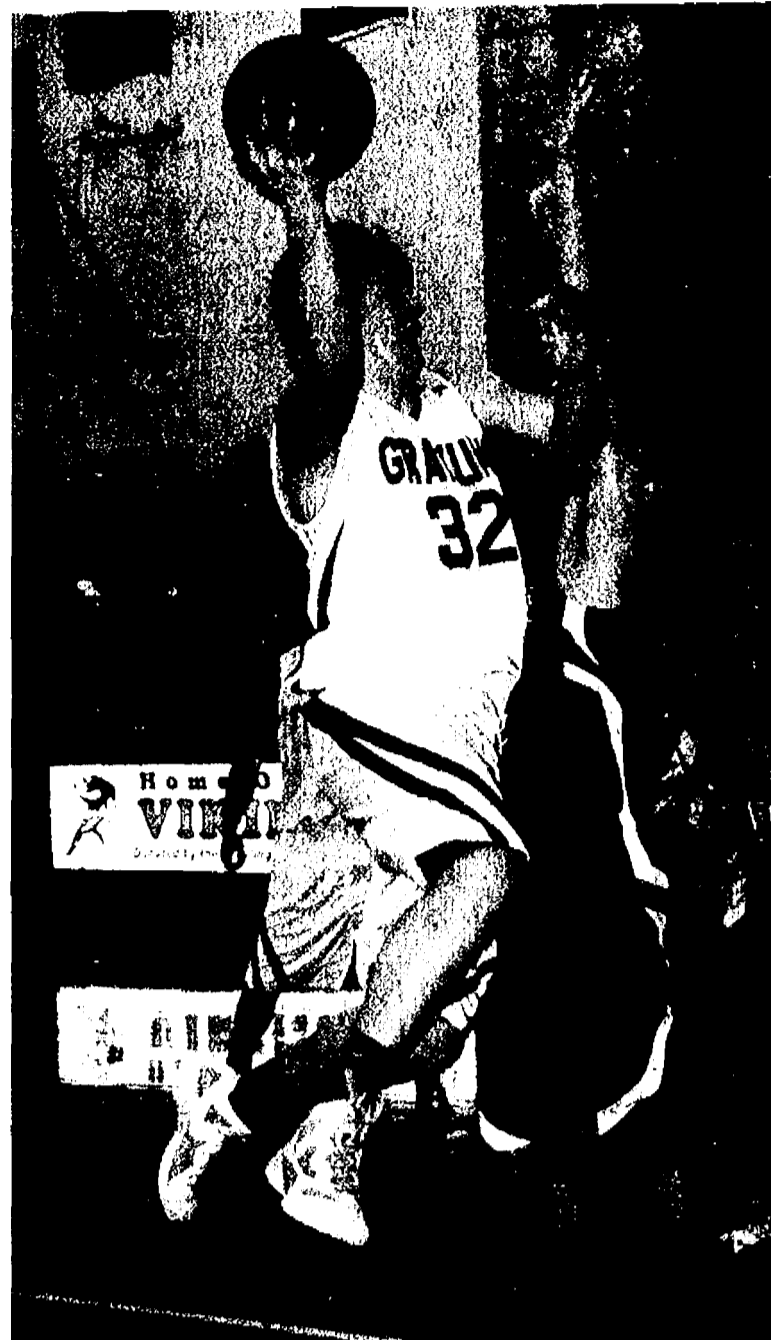
Boyne City led 50-43 going into the fourth period. Tobin hit his fifth three-pointer of the contest to start the fourth quarter, pulling Grayling within four. Boyne scored on an inside shot. One free throw from Dean and an inside shot by Enos cut Boyne City's advantage to three. The Ramblers scored on an inside shot. Tobin hit two free throws at the 5:09 mark to pull Grayling back within three.

Boyne City hit a triple at the 4:37 mark. The Ramblers scored on a lay-up and one free throw to lead by nine. McClanahan hit a three-point shot at the 2:11 mark. Boyne hit two free throws. Enos hit two free throws for GHS. Boyne scored. Burrell completed a three-point play to cut Boyne City's lead to five, 64-59, with 1:11 remaining in regulation.

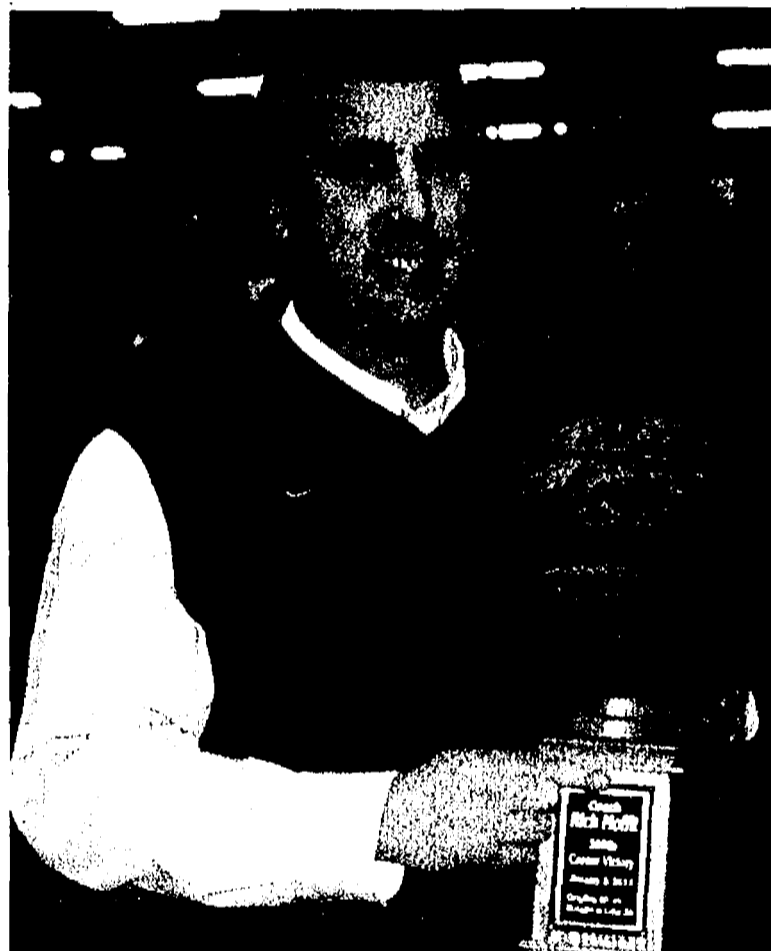
The Ramblers shot 6 for 6 from the free-throw line down the stretch to put the game away. Boyne City won by nine, 69-60.

"A pretty intense game between two teams in the (Lake Michigan Conference). On a positive note, I was pleased with our lack of turnovers in the game. We have made a tremendous improvement in this area, which is a plus. I also liked the way that we battled back to cut the lead in the fourth quarter," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Tobin finished with 23 points for GHS. Enos had nine points and 12



Steven Enos drives to the basket for the Vikings vs. Boyne City on Friday.



In between games on Friday, Grayling High School presented varsity boys basketball coach Rich Moffit with a special trophy to commemorate his 300th coaching victory. Moffit won his 300th game at Houghton Lake on Jan. 4.

rebounds. McClanahan had seven points and five assists.

"We really struggled to finish in the paint. We were 14 of 41 from shots in the paint, which is unacceptable. We were also 12 of 22 from the line. We left 64 points on the court," Coach Moffit said.

"Give Boyne City credit. Keegan LaBlance was outstanding, hitting threes from 22-plus feet. (Freshman) Corey Redman was also a difference maker in the game," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings (6-3 overall, 3-2 league) will host East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 27.

## 9th graders win 55-35 vs. Boyne

The GHS freshman boys basketball squad improved its season record to 5-1 with a 55-35 victory vs. Boyne City on Friday in a contest played at Grayling Middle School.

The Vikings didn't shoot the ball well, finishing at 19 of 50 inside the paint. The team hit 8 of 10 free throw attempts and outrebounded the Ramblers 25-14.

"Give Boyne credit; they

forced 20 turnovers. This was the most turnovers we have had in a game this season. In addition, we also struggled to finish," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "When we scored we scored in bunches because each made bucket allowed us to set up our press. Defensively, Jake Hinkle, Carson Burmeister, and Darin Nicholas caused several turnovers, which led to buckets in transition."

Carson Burmeister finished with 14 points, 6 steals, and 6 assists. Hinkle had 12 points and 6 steals. Nicholas had 9 points, 8 steals, and 4 assists. Mason Papendick had 8 points and 6 rebounds. Tyler Wyman had 4 points. Dylan Wyman had 4 points. Emmett Helsel also scored 4 points.

The freshman team (5-1 overall, 4-0 league) will host Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School.

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Ghayge Toomey (125), left, pins his Kalkaska counterpart during last week's meet at Traverse City. Ty Jensen (171), right, battles a Traverse City St. Francis opponent on Thursday.



## Wrestling team wins one, loses one at St. Francis

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team posted a split in a double-dual meet at Traverse City on Thursday night. The Vikings defeated the Kalkaska Blazers by a large margin but they lost to the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis.

Grayling started the meet with a league series vs. the Gladiators.

The Vikings forfeited the first weight class (112).

Cody Elmy (119) posted the first of Grayling's two victories vs. Traverse City St. Francis, winning an 11-4

decision.

St. Francis won a 3-0 decision at 125. The Gladiators won another close match at 130 with a 9-5 decision. TCSF won by pin in the third round at 135. St. Francis won by decision, 10-5, in the 140-pound division. Grayling forfeited at 145.

The Gladiators won by pin at both 152 (round three) and 160 (round two).

Ty Jensen won a 7-2 decision for the Vikings in the 171-pound weight class. Ryan Randall (215) lost a 5-4 decision following a controversial takedown call late in the match.

Grayling forfeited at 189, heavyweight, and 103.

The Gladiators won 60-6. "St. Francis is tough," Coach Andy Moore said. "Hopefully it will be a little closer when it's in the conference championship (tournament)."

Grayling won 60-11 vs. Kalkaska in a series that featured only four contested matches (out of a possible 14).

Elmy, at 119, won his second bout of the night with a first round pin. Ghayge Toomey (125) also won by pin for Grayling in the first round. Zack Cheney (130) and Danny Schultz (135)

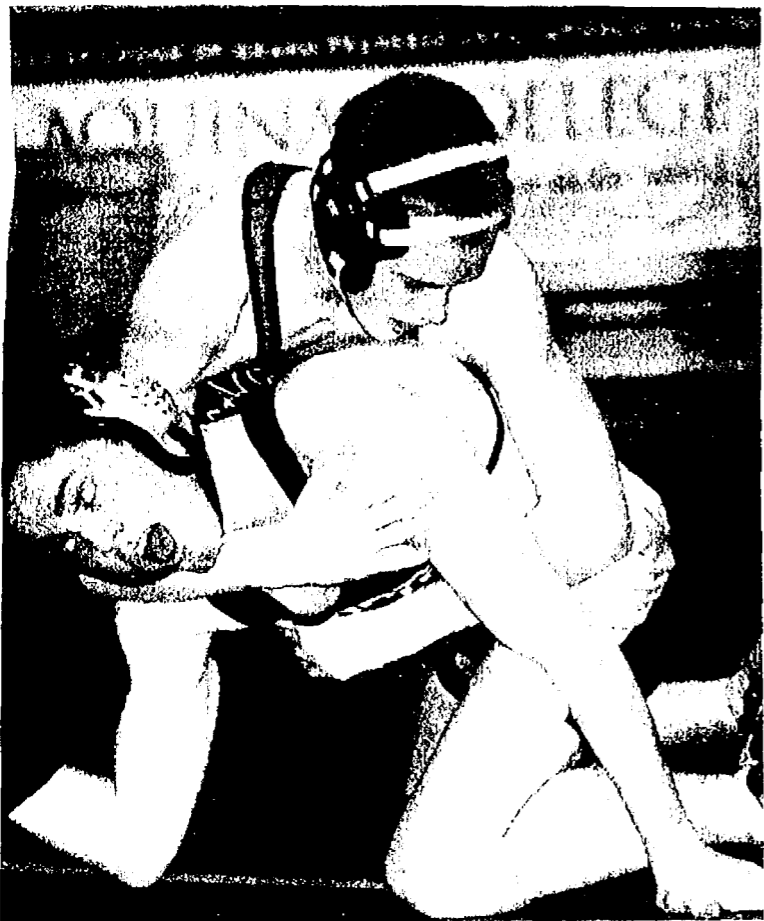
won by default.

Kalkaska won by tech fall, 15-0, at 140. Both teams forfeited at 145.

Brandon Handrich won by pin in the second round in the 152-pound division. Calvin Halfacre (160) and Jensen both won by default. Neither squad had a competitor at 189. Randall (215) won by default. Grayling forfeited the heavyweight division.

Kyle Birdsall (103) and Erin Messerschmidt (112) both won by default.

The Vikings (4-1 league) will compete in the Gaylord Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 28.



Danny Schultz (135), left, and Nolan Ryan (140), right, wrestle against opponents from Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday night.



Photos by Caleb Casey

## Vikings place 5th out of 12 at Mio wrestling tournament

The Grayling Vikings took fifth place out of 12 teams at the Mio Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Brandon Handrich (152) won his weight class.

"By far his best tournament of the year. (He) pinned his opponent from Montabella in the finals," Coach Andy Moore said.

Cody Elmy took second at 119.

"(He) lost a heartbreaker in the finals by a kid from Montabella," Coach Moore said.

Ty Jensen (171) took third.

"Ty had one of the hardest weight classes in the tournament," Coach Moore said.

Ghayge Toomey (125) finished fourth.

"Ghayge showed improvement in his wrestling this weekend.

Looking for great things from him in the coming weeks," Coach Moore said.

Jeff Myers (189) also placed fourth.

"Jeff wrestled hard all day long," Coach Moore said.

Erin Messerschmidt (112), Zack Cheney (130), and Danny Schultz (135) also scored points for the Vikings.

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On Jan. 14 the wrestling team competed in the Onaway Invitational, placing third out of six schools.

Individual results: 119, Cody Elmy, 1st; 112, Erin Messerschmidt, 2nd; 171, Ty Jensen, 2nd; 215, Ryan Randall, 2nd; 125, Ghayge Toomey, 3rd; 130, Zack Cheney, 3rd.

Danny Schultz (135), Nolan Ryan (140), Jeff Myers (189), and Zach Joseph (heavyweight) also

scored points for GHS.

"We didn't have a full team, which hurt us in overall standings," Coach Moore said.

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The GHS wrestling team battled several teams in a tournament at Roscommon on Jan. 7, posting a 3-2 record.

In round one, Grayling beat Kalkaska 66-18. The Vikings lost to Roscommon 54-27 in round two and beat Onaway 39-38 in round three. In round four, the Vikings won another close series, defeating Rogers City 39-34. GHS lost to Traverse City St. Francis 64-7 in round five.

Cody Elmy (119) and Brandon Handrich (152) both went undefeated for the Vikings at the meet.

"This was a tough tournament, our first look at

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVE KISH AND PEGGY KISH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2007, and recorded on July 24, 2007, in Liber 687, on Page 817, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$155,522.02), including interest at 6.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 22, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL "A-1" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. PARCEL "A-2" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 1079.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 329.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 1079.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST, 329.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.006300 (01-19)(02-09)

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## NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR IF YOU ARE IN BANKRUPTCY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Bresette and Theresa Bresette, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2004 and recorded May 25, 2004 in Liber 668, Page 487, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 2/100 Dollars (\$56,882.02) including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 22, 2012. Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and described as: A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West on the North line thereof 743.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 160 feet; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes East, 660.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes West, 660.7 feet to the place of beginning. South Branch Township, Crawford County Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 19, 2012  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 650.2335  
(01-19)(02-09)

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## NOTICE

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMU-

NICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME

To: Kristen L. Moran  
1093 Critter Crossing  
Grayling, MI 49738  
County Crawford  
State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling\_search/), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement.

You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: January 26, 2012  
Orlans Associates P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File Number: 326.7946  
(01-26)

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## NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RAN- DALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Norman Lee Theaker, a single man to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2002, and recorded on August 7, 2002, in Liber 591, Page 181, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank

National Trust Company, as trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of October 1, 2002, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital 1 Inc. Trust 2002-NC5 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 17/100 (\$90,361.17) including interest at the rate of 9.25000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on February 15, 2012. Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Block 6, Karen Woods. Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 6145 Alex Road The redemption period shall be 6.00 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: January 12, 2012 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of October 1, 2002, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital 1 Inc. Trust 2002-NC5 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 11OM101084-1 (01-05)(01-26)

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-7991-DE  
Estate of JAMES RONALD NEWSOME, SR. Date of birth: 8/5/1932.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Ronald Newsome, Sr., died 12/23/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Faye A. Kaske, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 1-12-12

Personal representative  
Faye A. Kaske  
9883 N. Wheeler  
Roscommon, MI 48653

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## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE Public Hearing

The Lovells Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance regarding mobile homes. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012, 7 PM at the Town Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

The proposed zoning amendment may be inspected in the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours, Tues. thru Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM. Written comments regarding the proposing zoning ordinance amendment must be received in the Clerk's office before the end of business on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

Cynthia Infante  
Lovells Township Clerk  
(989) 348-9215

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**January 26, 1989 - Paula Buchanan, GPA member gives awards to home decorating winners Dennis Kuhn, 1st place (middle); William Haag, 2nd place.**

### 23 Years Ago January 26, 1989

Dawn Elekonich is the new Miss Grayling. Elekonich won the talent portion of the show with a Spanish-English song. First runner-up was Amy Jo Denton, 2nd runner-up was Stephanie Hindmarsh. Ann Moshier was voted Miss Congeniality.

A beautiful but rotting interpretive center at Hartwick Pines is slated for replacement with funding created by the passage of Proposal D last November. The large two-story center

was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Hartwick Pines State Park Manager Bob Bacon said many of the logs, some as high as halfway up the structure, show signs of rotting. The state Natural Resources Commission has approved a new \$400,000 interpretive center for Hartwick Pines. The new center will include a workshop for preparing park exhibits, a 100-seat auditorium for educational programs, a reference library and displays on Michigan's forest resources,

early logging and reforestation.

Grayling wrestling whipped Standish and Gaylord in matches and took 2nd at a tough tournament last week to climb into the state rankings for class C teams.

The Grayling boys basketball team played one of its best games of the year thumping Kalkaska 64-24 last week. Varsity head coach Tom Mills said his team played well for about 28 minutes with only a short lapse at the start of the third quarter.

### 46 Years Ago January 27, 1966

The Floyd SanCartiers have sold their home at 400 Brink Street, to the Howard Morse family, one of the families being relocated by the Housing Commission.

Miss Sally Gould is the new office girl at the elementary school, replacing Mrs. Mary Stampfly.

On Friday night at the GHS gym, the boys basketball team moved out to a 21 - 10 first period lead but Boyne came back to trail only 32 - 25 at halftime. Grayling won the final two frames 22 - 19 and 18 - 12 to win 72 - 56. Wright with 26 again lead the Viking attack. He was ably assisted by Thompson and Neal with 14 each. DuBois added 9,

Slusser with 4, Nethers had 3 and Wakeley with 2.

### 69 Years Ago January 28, 1943

It was predicted last week that local fans would see a fighting well organized Grayling basketball team against Roscommon and it turned out to be true when the local varsity downed the Gerrish-Higgins quintet in a hard fought battle, 25 - 11.

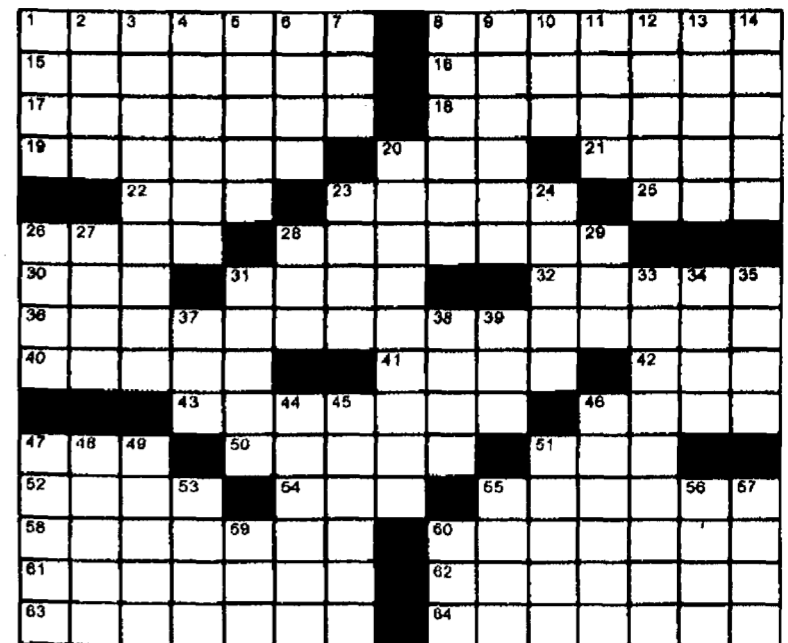
Clyde Smith, proprietor and operator of the Standard Oil Service in Frederic has closed his place of business for the duration and is now employed at the Dore Manufacturing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis have purchased from Mrs. Nickolin Schjotz the building they are occupying as a jewelry store. This is one of the most important business block transfers that have been had in many years.

### 92 Years Ago January 29, 1920

The Barn Dance, one of a series of social affairs being given by the Knight of Columbus took place Tuesday evening. It was a very comical gathering. The ladies came clad in house aprons and the gents in overalls. If they appeared in their best clothes they were fined \$1.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

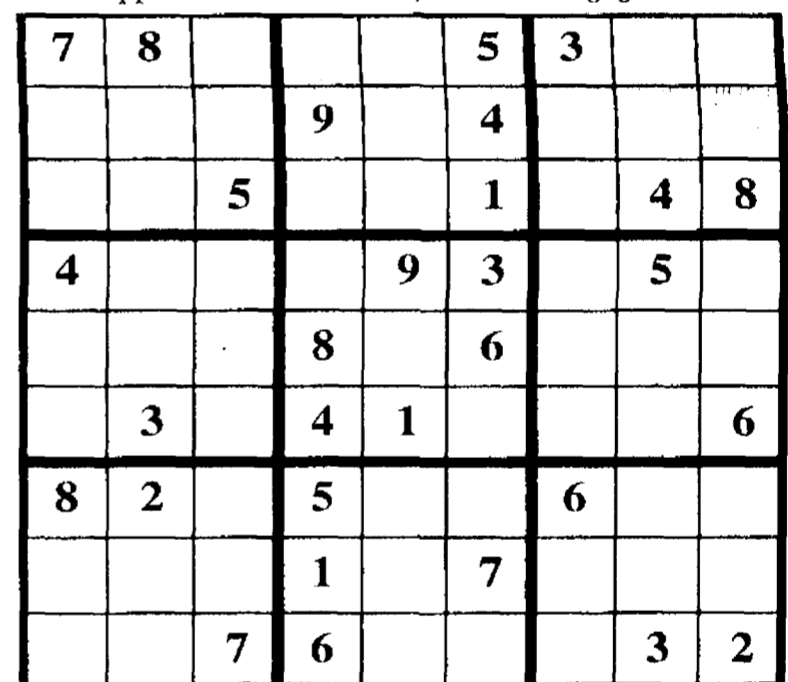
1. Malleable
8. Linked sequentially
15. Inability to use spoken or written language
16. Beat, in a way
17. Hollywood hopeful
18. Have an inspiration?
19. Played (around)
20. Cry
21. Call for
22. Functioned as
23. Air freshener option
25. Arid
26. "American \_\_\_\_"
28. Wild pig
30. Nancy, in Nancy comic strip
31. Characteristic carrier
32. TV, radio, etc.
36. Government group in charge of foreign affairs (2 wds)
40. Join securely
41. Ancestry
42. Amateur video subject, maybe (acronym)
43. Island state in the West Indies
46. "Cut it out!"
47. Bleat
50. Bring out
51. Clod chopper
52. Early pulp
54. Anger
55. Shallow trench made by a plow
58. Residential areas outlying a city
60. North Carolina's capital
61. By and large (3 wds)
62. Kind of mark
63. Tenants with a lease
64. Letter carriers

### Down

1. 100-meter, e.g.
2. "What've you been \_\_\_\_?" (2 wds)
3. Cleaning lady
4. Of the ankle
5. British \_\_\_\_
6. Emulated Pinocchio
7. "Dig in!"
8. \_\_\_\_ blue color
9. Cry of triumph
10. Absorbed, as a cost
11. "Terrible" czar
12. Eminent
13. Aromatic solvent
14. Industrious
20. Hot spot
23. Channel
24. French philosopher, founder of positivism
26. Acad.
27. Spoil, with "on"
28. Lent's start, e.g.: Abbr.
29. Beauty
31. Romance, e.g.
33. Stable isotope of hydrogen
34. Data
35. Above
37. Deck (out)
38. Assistant
39. Biochemistry abbr.
44. Like some mushrooms
45. Hospital caregivers
46. Most painful
47. Of primary importance
48. Charm
49. Old Jewish scholars
51. Luau dances
53. "One of \_\_\_\_" (Willa Cather novel)
55. Betting game
56. Shrek, e.g.
57. "Say \_\_\_\_"
59. Morgue, for one
60. Certain theater, for short

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



## HOROSCOPES

Week of January 22, 2012



**CAPRICORN**  
December 22 - January 19

Reviews get underway, and no surprise, Capricorn, you supercede expectations. Give yourself a pat on the back and start looking ahead to the next challenge.



**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19

Way to go, Aries. You saw a need and you fulfilled it, and someone high up takes notice. Perhaps you'll make that leap after all. A friend pitches you a proposal.



**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22

Crazy Cancer. You're a risk taker, and once again, it pays off. Gather everyone together for some food and fun. Major changes are in store at work.



**LIBRA**  
September 23 - October 22

A family member appears to be in crisis. You've helped them out repeatedly, but this time, you just don't have the means. Look at it as a sign, Libra.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20 - February 18

Not a chance, Aquarius. You have enough on your plate. Pass on the project and give someone else a turn to shine. A news item piques your curiosity.



**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20

Mum is not the word this week, Taurus. You've kept your opinions to yourself for far too long. Your loved one is not what they appear to be. Call them on it!



**LEO**  
July 23 - August 22

Lucky Leo. Friends bail you out time and time again. Make sure you return the favor, or there might not be anyone to catch you next time.



**SCORPIO**  
October 23 - November 21

Wish no more, Scorpio, as a project comes to completion. A loved one undergoes a radical transformation. Receive them with an open mind and a warm heart.



**PISCES**  
February 19 - March 20

Make haste, Pisces. You've dawdled long enough. Draw up a plan of attack and follow through with it. An affair of the heart takes precedence at home.



**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21

A little windfall makes for a big week! The good times continue at work with a celebration for a job well done. Congrats, Gemini. A friend returns a favor.



**VIRGO**  
August 23 - September 22

A great winter escape a-waits. Don't miss out, Virgo. Opportunities such as these come only once. A makeover will take place at home - with or without you.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22 - December 21

Uh-uh-uh, Sagittarius. Now is not the time to back out of an agreement. You promised, so do whatever it takes to make good on it.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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## ADOPT A PET

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### Gomer

Gomer is a wonderful young cat. This handsome and charming 9 month old is a gem, he is playful and affectionate and great with other cats. Gomer also does well with kids and friendly dogs. This nice cat has been feline leukemia tested negative, neutered and vaccinated. He just needs a home.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter  
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### OLD-FASHIONED MACARONI AND CHEESE

#### Ingredients:

3 Tbsp. butter or margarine  
2 Tbsp. flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 cups milk

2 cups Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese, divided  
1 pkg. (7 oz.) elbow macaroni (1-3/4 cups), cooked, drained

#### Directions:

**PREHEAT** oven to 350°F. Melt butter in large saucepan on low heat. Add flour and salt; mix well. Cook 2 minutes or until bubbly. Gradually add milk, stirring until well blended. Cook on medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low; simmer 3 to 5 minutes or until thickened. Add 1-1/2 cups of the cheese; cook until melted, stirring constantly. Add macaroni; mix lightly.

**SPOON** into 1-1/2-quart casserole; sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.

**BAKE** 20 minutes or until heated through.

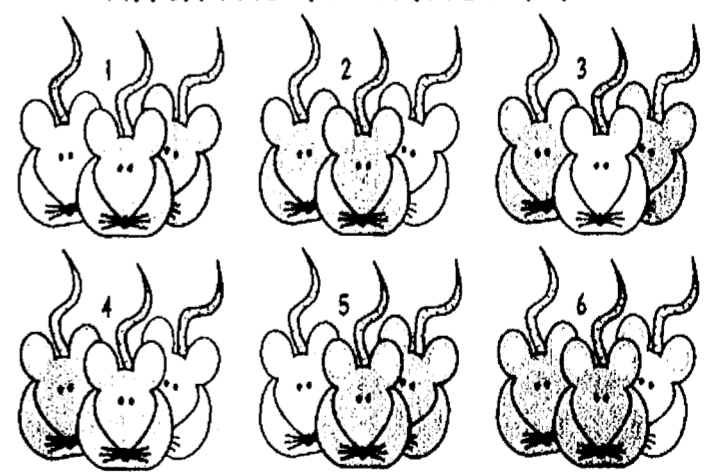
#### Substitute

Prepare as directed, using Shredded Mild Cheddar Cheese.

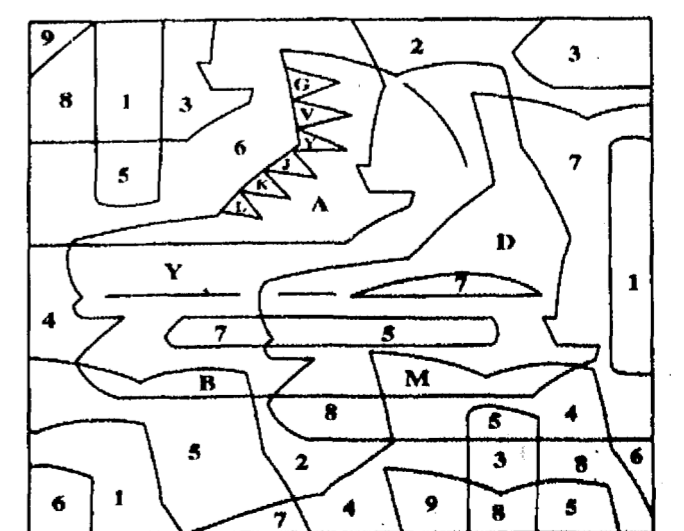
Prep Time: 20 min  
Total Time: 40 min  
Makes: 6 servings

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**RED GREEN HILARIOUS ONE-MAN SHOW. APRIL 14TH, DOW EVENT CENTER, SAGINAW (1-800-745-3000); April 15th, Ford Center, Dearborn (313-943-2354); May 10th, Kaufman Auditorium, Marquette. (906-227-1032). [www.redgreen.com](http://www.redgreen.com). PLACE YOUR STATEWIDE AD HERE!** \$299 buys a 25-word classified ad offering over 1.6 million circulation and 3.6 million readers. Contact [mich-can@michiganpress.org](mailto:mich-can@michiganpress.org).

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# Crawford County Avalanche Sports

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## Ski teams place 3rd, 4th at Bellaire meet

The GHS ski teams placed third and fourth out of nine and 10 schools, respectively, during last week's Bellaire Invitational. "Today was a great confidence booster for both teams. They have put in a lot of time and hard work and today both teams had their best performances. Both these teams are very young and they have taken a fair share of beatings in our league. This has been a tough year convincing two very young teams that not all the teams in the state are the same caliber as our league. Today both teams

were able to see how they perform against other teams outside our league and the level of competition they have been facing allowed them to finish in good shape today. I keep telling them to be the best we have to compete with the best and today it paid off," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "Sophomore Elle Smith won the (giant slalom) by almost one second and senior Emily Wingard finished third in slalom and sixth in GS. Juniors Curtis Wilson and Aaron Kiessel led the boys with Wilson finishing fifth in GS and Kiessel finishing 10th in slalom," Coach Gariglio said.

Grayling took fourth place out of 10 teams in the boys' competition. Wilson was 5th in GS and 13th in slalom. Kiessel took 10th in slalom and 24th in GS. Jordan Bulmer took 15th in GS. John Hilbrecht placed 19th in slalom. The Vikings finished third of nine in the girls' competition. Smith took 1st in GS and 10th in slalom. Wingard was 3rd and 6th. Randi Lemaster was 18th in GS. Rachel Jensen took 18th in slalom. Alex Boudaux finished 23rd and 19th.

## AuSable Wrestling Association

The AuSable Wrestling Association (ages 6-13) competed in two tournaments during the weekend of Jan. 14-15, winning several medals. Results for Grayling from the Roscommon meet on Jan. 14: Cole Dickie, 2nd; Logan Malonen, 1st; Camara Peterson, 3rd; Cameron Trudeau, 1st; Asher Topham, 3rd; Tucker Mertes, 2nd; Bennette Mansfield, 2nd; Thomas May, 1st; Joseph Armstrong, 2nd; Logan Joseph, 3rd; Max Halstead, 1st; Ashdon Frisbie, 3rd; Jacob McGillivray, 2nd; Dakota Mansfield, 1st. Results for the AWA for the Grayling MYWAY meet on Jan. 15: Cole Dickie, 2nd; Logan Malonen, 4th; Camara Peterson, 2nd; Drew Moore, 1st; Cameron

Trudeau, 2nd; Cameron Peterson, 2nd; Tucker Mertes, 3rd; Deacon Myers, 4th; Adam Smith, 4th; Thomas May, 2nd; Justin Jamison, 2nd; Parker Dole, 2nd; Joseph Armstrong, 2nd; Logan Joseph, 4th; Anthony Johnson, 4th; Ashdon Frisbie, 2nd; Dakota Mansfield, 2nd; Michael Phipps, 3rd. On Saturday, Jan. 21, during the NEMWA Clare Youth Wrestling Tournament, 13 out of 17 competitors from the Ausable Wrestling Association came home with medals. "We have a fairly young team quickly making their names known in the circuit. The wrestlers are showing their dedication and growing knowledge with every

tournament," one team representative said. "This was a tough tournament with up to 12-man brackets." The squad's 6-year-olds - Camara Peterson (43), Cole Dickie (46), and Logan Malonen (61) - made a full sweep of first places in their respective weight classes. Additional first place medals went to Logan Joseph (age 9-10, 100 pound) and Dakota Mansfield (age 13-14, 120 pound). Second place medals were awarded to Bennette Mansfield, Max Halstead, and Michael Phipps. Zachary Todoroff and Ashdon Frisbie both took third. Deacon Myers, Adam Smith, and Joseph Armstrong all finished fourth.

## Bowling Leagues

**Senior League**  
Flowers By Josie ... 63 - 17  
Dana Transport ... 51 - 29  
Gaylord Electric ... 41 - 39  
Sylvester's Sports ... 39 - 41  
Legion Lanes ... 36 - 44  
Bear's Den Pizza ... 34 - 46  
Lone Pine ... 30 - 50  
Spike's ... 28 - 52  
High Series Women: C. Clark, 468; D. Hollis, 451; N. Glasslee, 442.  
High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 181; C. Clark, 177; D. Hollis, 169.  
High Series Men: D. Henning, 599; P. Faustman, 586; K. Harris, 476.  
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 236; D. Henning, 212; K. Harris, 201.  
**Recreation League**  
Days Inn ... 19 - 5  
Grayling Nursing ... 14 - 10

Mercy Manor ... 13 - 11  
Robin Smith CPA ... 13 - 11  
Worm Guts ... 11 - 13  
Snap Fitness ... 10 - 14  
Legion ... 8 - 16  
Glen's Market ... 8 - 16  
High Series: S. Johnson, 494; P. Younglove, 471; J. Brown, 467.  
High Game: S. Johnson, 197; S. Ross, 196; M. Richardson, 180.  
**Sunday Mixed Doubles**  
Spikes ... 23 - 5  
Tahiti Tans ... 18 - 10  
Dawsons & Stevens ... 17 - 11  
Moore's Auto ... 15 - 13  
AJD ... 14 - 14  
Bloomquist ... 14 - 14  
Gray Rock ... 7 - 21  
American Legion ... 4 - 24  
High Series Men: N. Mead, 606; L.

Ostrowski, 595; R. Swope, 563.  
High Series Women: L. Mead, 484; T. Rock, 482; P. Younglove, 475.  
High Game Women: T. Rock, 194; P. Younglove, 179; L. Mead, 177.  
High Game Men: N. Mead, 253; L. Ostrowski, 210; R. Swope, 204.  
**American Men's League**  
North Country ... 23 - 12  
Grayling Restaurant ... 22 - 13  
Grayling Chiro ... 20 - 15  
Thayer's ... 17 - 18  
Man Cave ... 17 - 18  
AJD ... 16 - 19  
Joels Team ... 14 - 21  
Legion Lanes ... 11 - 24  
High Series: L. Davis, 696; J. Arwood, 666; T. Sowsinski, 644.  
High Game: L. Ostrowski, L. Davis and T. Sowsinski, 258.



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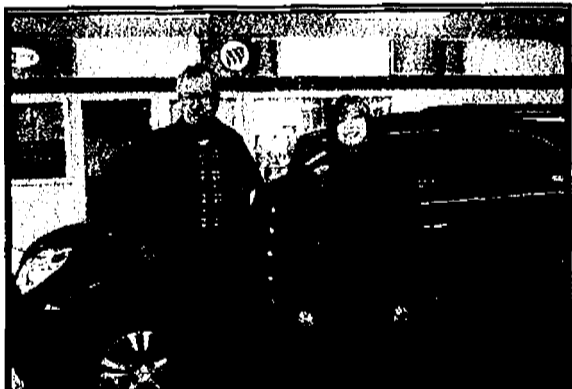
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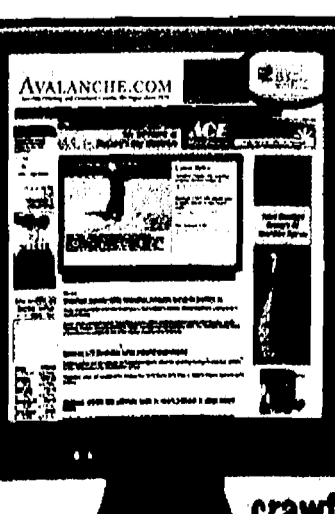
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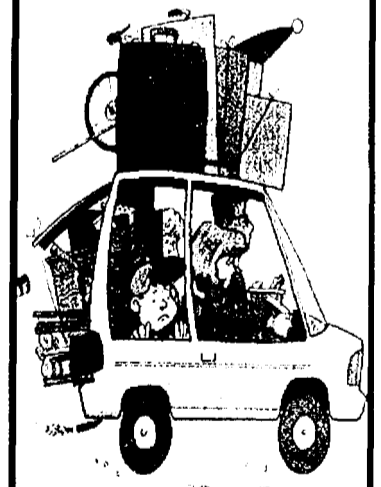
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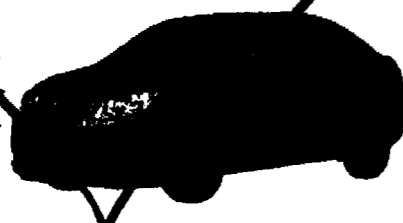


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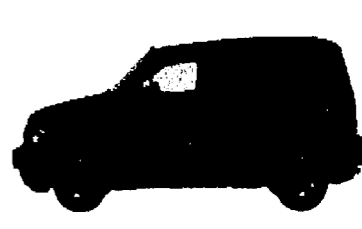
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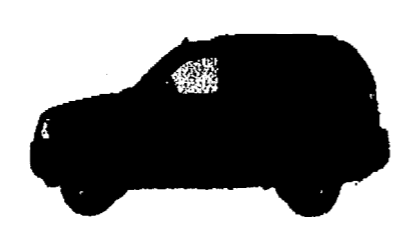
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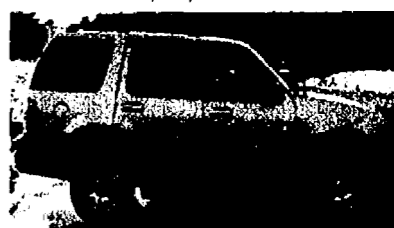
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